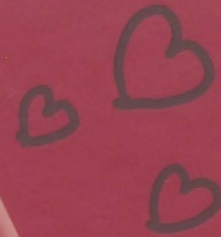


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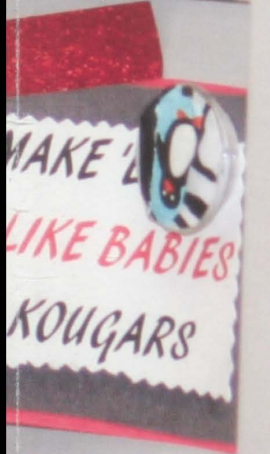


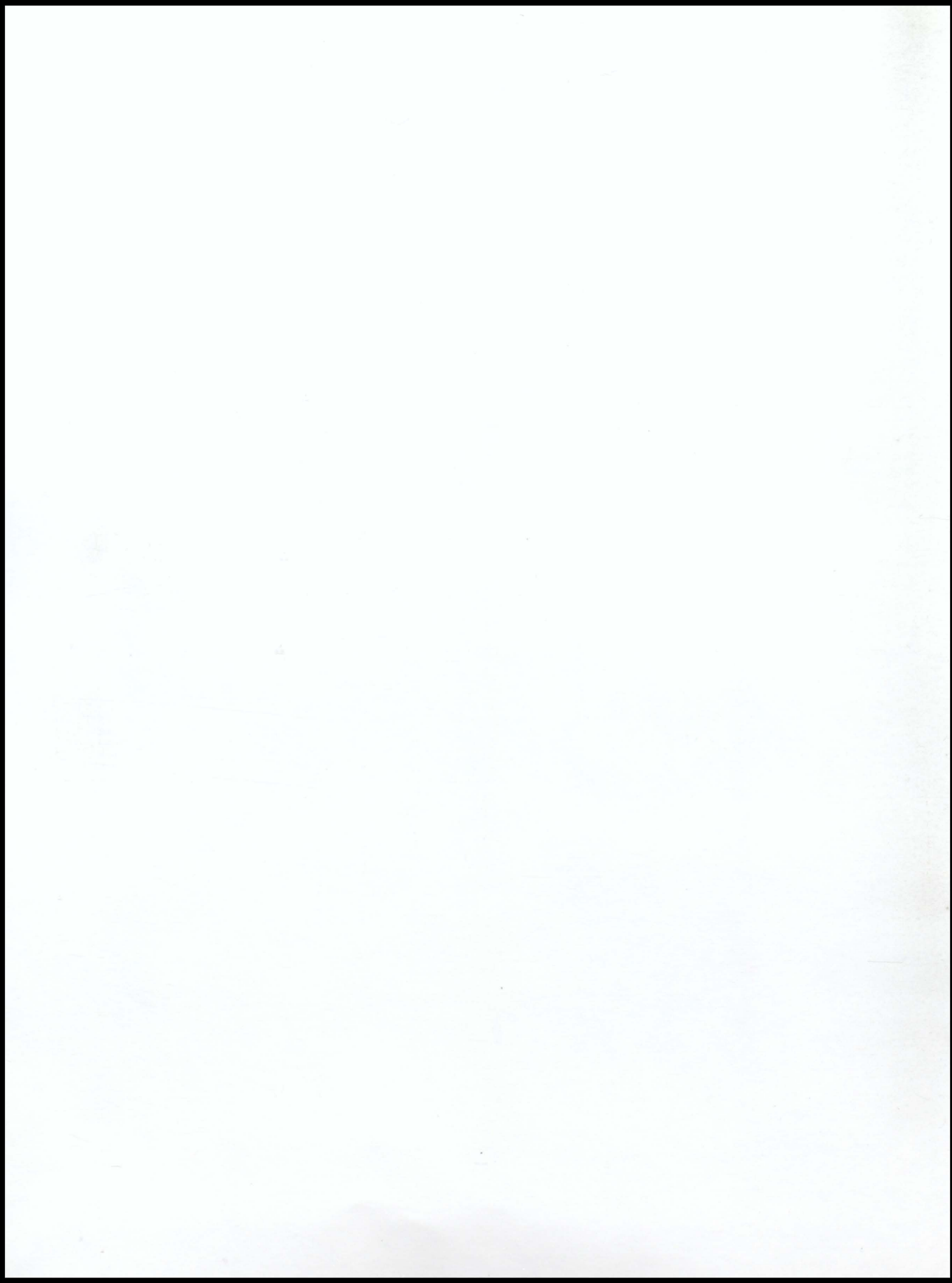
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Locked **In** **Memories**

All eyes are on junior Maddison Lawrence and her date as they dance in the middle of a group of students. The homecoming dance was September 20th from 7 to 10 and was a big celebration with all grades involved.



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Cheering during the football game, the student section shows off their pride. "My favorite part about being in the student section was being with all my friends, cheering for the boys, and bringing home the Milk Can," senior Emily Franzen said.

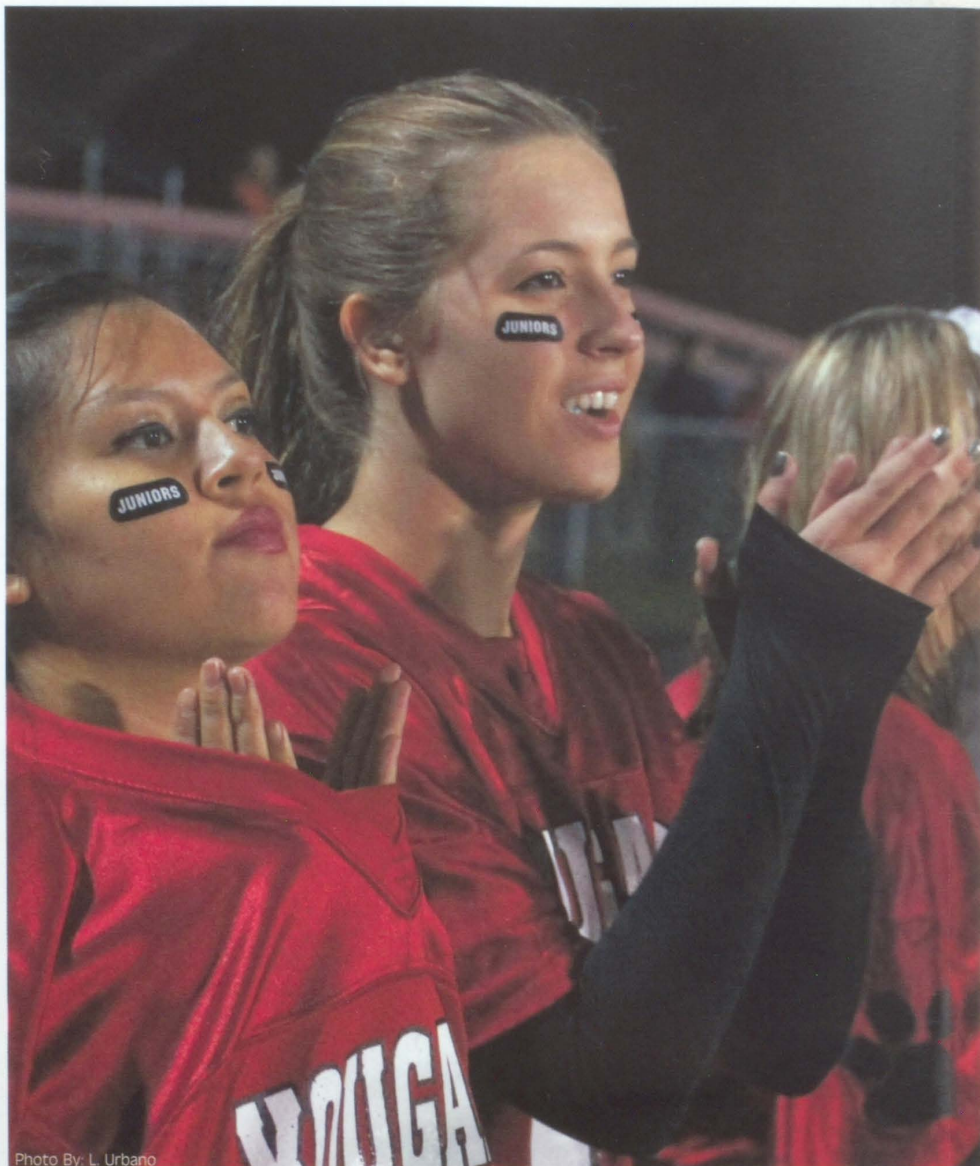


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Homecoming

Students Enjoy a Week of Rock

From cheering on the girls in the Powder Puff game to attending the dance, students enjoyed making memories with their friends all homecoming week.

"Being able to have a great time with all of my friends was my favorite part of the entire homecoming week," said sophomore Breiana Buchanan.

The week was kicked off with a Powder Puff win for the sophomore and senior teams even though the game was nearly canceled due to the rain. While the participants waited in the

school, family and friends gathered in the bleachers to watch the showdown. "I decided to attend the Powder Puff game to hang out and have fun with all of my friends," said freshman Nicholas Raymond.

Homecoming theme for the week was Rock of Ages. Students dressed up for each themed day and prepared to participate in the lip sync. Also, to encourage students to participate in homecoming week, student council gave pieces of candy to those who dressed in their rock attire.

On Thursday night, student council

hosted a bonfire. The event included performances from the band, the Kolor guard, and Chemistry teacher Mr. Lane who sang a song. Mr. Lane had been asked by Student Council to perform because students liked seeing teachers be goofy. "I'm a big ham. I wanted to sing a One Direction song," Lane said.

To end the week, the Kougars pulled off a win against Griffith at the football game on Friday, with a score of 35 to 10. During halftime, Kyle Patton and Tara Beere were crowned King and Queen.



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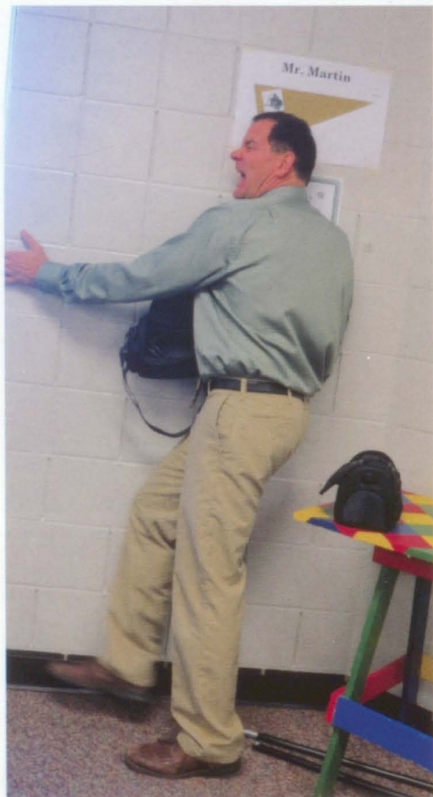


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Running onto the gymnasium floor to accept the Spirit Stick, the juniors cheer. This was the first time in the school's history that the junior class had won.

As the students battle the teachers for a victory, junior Kevin Fisher goes to spike the ball that was unsuccessfully blocked by Mr. Jeff Martin and his team "The Walking Dead".

Going all out for Luck of the Irish day, freshman Noah Witkowski and Mekenzie Cecil show their school spirit by putting on their goofiest outfits.



When asked if his picture could be taken for Fancy Pants Day, Mr. Martin acts his goofy self and 'poses' for the picture.

Spotting an opportunity for a spike, junior James Elliott leaps into the air.



Spike Down

Serving the Walking Dead

For the first time Student Council could not host their Snowcoming dance which had become a tradition. Due to the scheduling conflicts two dances were close together, so the event was canceled along with the spirit week. However, the council came up with a plan that was just as exciting.

Instead of having no spirit week, they decided to change it to the week of Spike Down where the male student body takes on any teacher team in a volleyball tournament. From tacky tourist Monday to 'Merica day Friday, Student Council made their annual spike down fun for everyone.

Spike down had been hosted by Student Council for the past 10 years. This event was targeted for boys of any class and teachers from around the school. The event is a way for teachers to interact with students in a festive way.

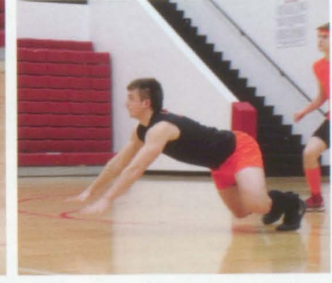
"This fundraiser has worked because it raises a good amount of money, but most importantly, it fills the gap of our school not having a boys' volleyball team. It's a way for the boys student body to feel included in all genderless sports," Mr. Michael Lovely said.

Spike down week is a way to pump people up because the spirit week brings the whole student body together to cheer

on their fellow male friends to join Spike down and see how they can dominate the teachers.

"I liked how they introduced us, with music of our choice. Playing against the teachers was the best part," junior Tyler Kinney said.

During the the game, students had to compete against students and eventually the teachers that participated. "Seeing the teams The Walking Dead and the JV Jim and the Juveniles was pretty funny because you see teachers as educators and watching them play along with students is something you don't see every day," said junior Cody Moore.



Nominated as sweetheart candidates, senior Paige Maki and freshman Noah Witkowski win sweetheart queen and king.



End of School

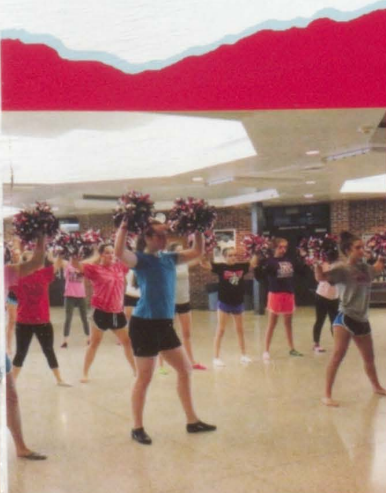
Going Out With a Splash





“My favorite memory this year was when newspaper went out and sold ads because it gave the class a chance to bond and become a family. Also, my first indoor track meet because I had jitters when I was waiting to change, so I went across the street to calm down. Having someone next to me to share that moment with me was the best motivation I could have.”

-Aries Morales





Sports



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1 At one of their games, freshman Mikayla Collins kisses the bowling ball for good luck. "At all our games, I kiss my bowling ball for good luck. I feel like doing this all the time will help my team win against the opponents," she said 2 KV team members swim to beat school records during their relay races. The rest of the swim team cheers them on to try their best. When they would get to the end of the pool, the team mates would scream their name saying they had to succeed as hard as they wanted to breath. 3 Going in to serve the ball, freshman Chloe Dobson scores a point against the opposing team 4 The football team plays against Rensselaer Central at one of their home games. 5 During one of the practices, sophomore Luis Sandoval, along with team members junior Joshua Weaver and sophomore Kyle Kamminga wait for their turn to kick the ball as part of their conditioning. "Although conditioning can be tough and exhausting, It gets be hyped up for our soccer season. All the hours spent practicing and working our butts off to have the best season we could," sophomore Luis Sandoval said. 6 Going against the Hebron Hawks, Raegan Walther goes to shoot a point. The ball rebounds and she still managed to score a point for the Kougars.



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Photo by J. Phelps



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a) At the Barrell Game, students assembled together in a student section on the bleachers. The students would chant 'I Believe We Will Win' every time the opposing team was about to score. They would puff baby powder into the air and cheer after a touchdown was scored. b) Koy Schmidt, number 47, tackles a Rensselaer Bomber after they received a first down to prevent them from getting any further yard gain. Kougars defense continuously knocked down Rensselaers offense every chance that they could.

1) Freshman Jake Allen, number 7, runs down the field for extra help while Griffith is attempting a first down. Everyone from the freshmen team played at the homecoming game along with the junior varsity team. The freshmen did participate in other home games during the regular season.



Photo by M. Collins



Photo by M. Collins

2) Center Tyler Pritt is preparing to snap the ball to the quarterback after receiving a first down at the homecoming game. Tyler said, "I'm going to miss being the center of the offensive line. It's a leadership position and the coaches felt that my hard work and dedication in the off-season proved that I could succeed on the varsity offensive line."

Milk Can For The Win!

From summer practices to Friday night games, the football boys always worked and played hard to reach the best of their abilities. "Play as hard as they can, to apply as much as they learn; play loose, play fast, and have fun," said offensive coordinator, Dann Ellenwood, about the teams game plan for the season. They definitely applied everything they had learned.

Football had a successful season with a win against Lowell which won them the Milk Can. "It felt great to win the Milk Can! Big win for the team heading into the conference," said quarterback Darrick Webster on the teams win in the beginning of the season.

Every senior went into the season hoping to earn the title of Sectional Champs, and after the Milk Can victory things were looking up.

However, the team didn't go to Indianapolis like they planned. Even though the Kougars won against South Bend Riley in their home stadium, they lost the second round of sectionals. Many attributed the loss to the many senior injuries that were sustained from playing the last game of the season against New Prairie.

"I expect some big things. We have great talent and everyone is working hard in the off season," says freshmen Josh Anderson about the 2015 season!

3) **Front Row:** D. VanderWall, K. Schmidt **Second Row:** R. Arnett, N. Lane, Z. Fox, M. Lukacek, J. Williams, J. DeSimini, T. Pritt, R. Misch, E. Philbrook, C. Sizemore, N. Acevez **Third Row:** A. Curry, H. Ahrendt, T. Kinney, J. Steinke, C. Witt, D. Webster, J. Partin, R. Fisher, D. Dahn, O. Gutierrez **Fourth Row:** C. Cronkiewicz, Z. Geesa, K. Kouskousakis, D. Isally, H. Cacich, L. Nowak, J. Stepp, J. Wyrobek, E. Grigsby, L. Solomey, H. Wielgos, K. Howe **Fifth Row:** D. Kapella, B. Glusak, T. Tinnel, B. Flick, P. Gutwein, D. Harrington, J. Shevock, G. Bakker, A. Ceglarek, T. Hein, S. Pritt **Sixth Row:** B. Szafranski, J. Graegin, J. Gray, B. Ragg, J. Szafranski, D. Ellenwood, J. Stewart, B. Stewart, H. Smart

4) **Front Row:** M. Franzen, E. Jefferson, D. Lawley, J. Anderson, M. Dezelich **Second Row:** B. Martin, M. Smundin, L. Ammon, J. Young, K. Helton, J. Allen **Third Row:** W. Braden, C. DeWitt, N. Schoonveld, R. Sneed, B. Tucker, A. Myers **Fourth Row:** C. Benitez, J. Stewart, M. Nee





Photo by J. Phelps

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3) Junior Cody Gronkoewicz tackles a player on senior night against Andrean. Gronkoewicz prevented Andrean from receiving a first down on the play. The ending score on senior night was a loss of 14-44 with many senior injuries. 4) Senior Johnny Williams, number 22, receives the ball from junior quarterback Darrick Webster, number 8, for a first down in the first quarter of the Barrel game against the Rensselaer Bombers. Williams has received over 75 stickers for his helmet.



Photo by A. Babe

4

FOOTBALL

VARSITY		
US		THEM
34	Rensselaer	60
21	Indianapolis Manual	0
17	Lowell	12
40	Hobart	27
35	Griffith	10
41	North Judson	13
14	Andrean	44
18	Highland	34
0	Munster	45
61	South Bend Riley	14
3	New Prairie	67

JV		
US		THEM
11	Rensselaer	12
37	Plymouth	15
0	Lowell	0
0	Hobart	0
0	Griffith	0
10	Andrean	14
22	Highland	28
13	Munster	21

FRESHMEN		
US		THEM
12	Rensselaer	14
15	Lake Central	29
0	Lowell	35
27	Hobart	14
36	Griffith	17
49	Andrean	26
21	Highland	29

Cheerleading

In the past, the cheerleading squad had not participated in competition but they decided that they were strong enough this season to compete. So when the decision to participate in the Midwest Cheer/Dance competition was made, it was a really big deal for the team.

First, preparing for the competition was different than what the team had become accustomed to. When asked about practicing for competition versus practicing for games, sophomore Taylor Tracy said, "When preparing for competition you do one big performance, sideline cheering is a bunch of small cheers."

The cheerleaders also participated in a Hobart competition in early March. The team placed second in both of the competitions they participated in this season. "It felt amazing to do so well at our first competition year. I was so proud of my team, we worked so hard for it and I believe that we truly deserved it," said senior captain Belanah Chavez.

Even though the cheerleaders were accustomed to crowds, the new routine with multiple, timed stunts created stress. However, the cheerleaders showed that they can rise above the pressure and bring a good show.

After a great season all of the students were proud of the cheer team for stepping out of their comfort zone and representing the school as a whole in such a positive way. Going to competitions and performing at games takes true confidence. Representing the school in this way encourages the crowd and other students to get more involved.



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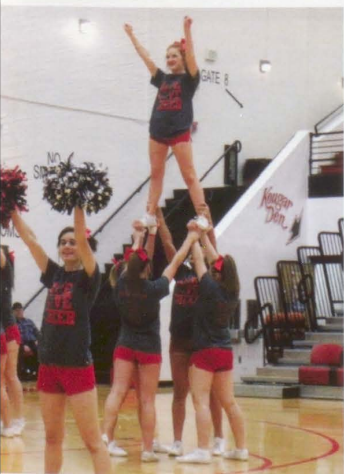
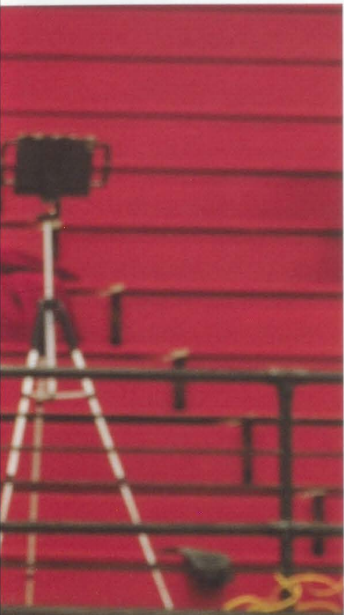
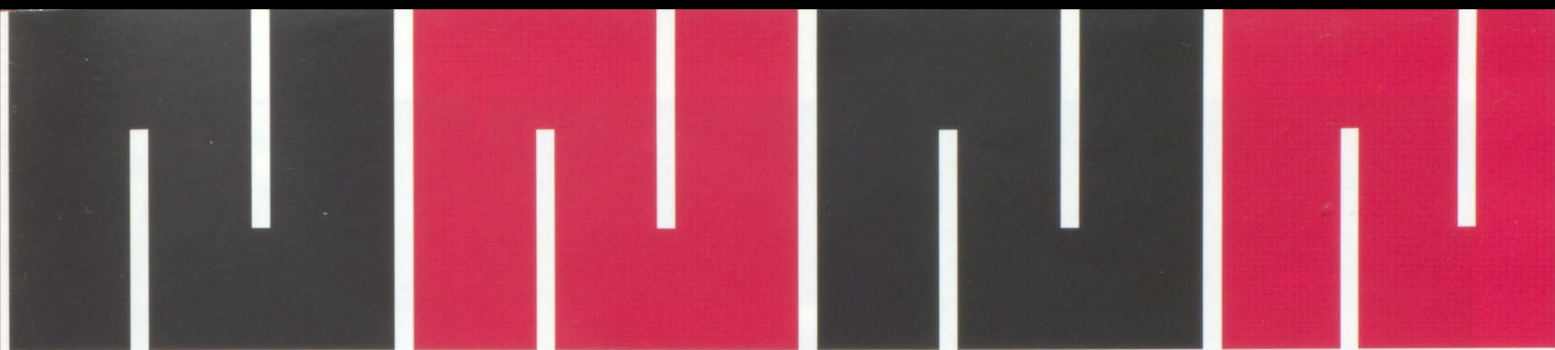
JV First Row: Kristen Krieg, Taylor Tracy
Second Row: Taylor Hachlica, Shelby Carroll, Hayley Riffe
Third Row: Kaitlyn Saxon, Madison Fisher, Alyssa Evolga, Zoey Riffe
Fourth Row: Emily Vorst, Emily Vujko, Katia Fedor, Emilie Bassett



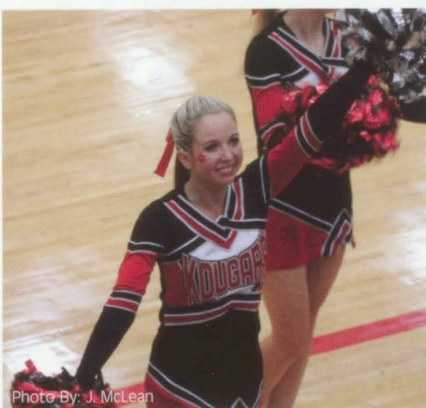
The junior varsity cheerleaders perform during a timeout. On January 2, the team did a mini camp for the elementary students who aspire to become cheerleaders.



Photo By: A. Morales



Varsity First Row: Mia Forden, Belanah Chavez, Maegan Hernandez, Cassandra Abell, Kendall Schneider, Brikayla Babe, Kyla Porter, Emily Searer **Third Row:** Emily Poe, Kaitlyn Moore, Peyton Brewster, Bailey Richardson, Hannah Sherwood, Corissa Abell **Not Pictured:** Tyler Pritt, David Dahn, Preston Buck, Joel Tiemens, Hunter Ahrendt, Ryan De Mars



Q
What is the hardest thing about cheerleading?

A
Keeping up with our workout and having the strength to do our big pyramid.
-Victoria DeKock, 11

Q
What was your favorite game to perform at and why?

A
The Lowell vs. KV game because the crowd was really with us and we won the Milk Can.
-Brikayla Babe, 11

Q
How do you think your life would be if you never did cheer?

A
Without cheerleading I do not think I would be the same person I am today, doing cheerleading made me a more rounded person because it gave me new friends, and influenced my college choice. I want to become a Pharmacist and Purdue has both a Pharmacy program and a cheer program.
-Tyler Pritt, 12





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a) Players watch their team anxiously from the sidelines. "Covenant was a really intense game. It was hard on the players because we were really looking to win," said junior Chad Hill number 22.

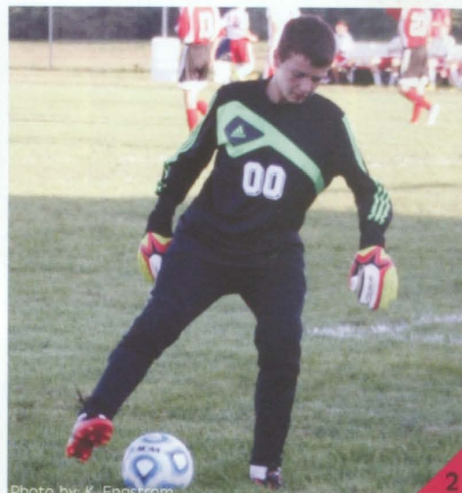


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1) Freshman Brayden Krsak calls for the ball to make a play. 2) Freshman keeper Noah Witkowski had a great season. He always stayed positive and when called to play varsity never backed down.



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b) The varsity starters walk out to the center to be announced before the game. Varsity had a rough season only winning a select few games but hope to improve the next season. "I had a lot of fun on varsity. I learned a lot and I look forward to improving next season" said sophomore Kyle Kamminga, 10.



Photo by: K. Engstrom

Running Them Down

This season was difficult, but amongst it, was a truly earned victory against Highland.

This season was filled with a lot of cold and rainy weather, and the Highland game had some of the worst weather, but it was the night they had to play.

The field was wet and slippery, and it was hard to stay warm throughout the game. But, the boys pulled through and came out with a win. "It felt great to win that game. It was probably the best we played. We all worked as a team and it really gave the team a confidence boost to win that game even in the conditions we had to play in," said senior Joshua Shearer.

The game was fought all the way until the end with the win coming from a penalty shootout to break the tie. "The shootout was really intense because the ground was wet so it was easy for a goalie to slip and miss the ball or the ball to not go where we wanted it to, but we still came out on top, and it was a really great feeling," said senior Colin Fritts.

Although the season was hard and they didn't have many wins, the confidence they from the Highland game helped to carry them through the season.

3) Front Row: Dalton Hugar, Noah Witkowski, Michael Witvoet, Rhenz Almira **Second Row:** Joseph Lay, Jeremy Shearer, Jose Gomaz, Joshua Shearer, Robert Poppe, Trenton Walstra **Third Row:** Coach Justin Deckok, Kyle Kamminga, Alex Villalpondo, Ethan Shindle, Austin Morrison, Chad Hill, Cole Ribicki, Coach Jason Vanderwoude

4) Front Row: Eliseo Varela, Kolby Klauer, Brayden Krsak, Noah Witkowski, Aaron Klawitter, Trenton Walstra, Dalton Hugar **Second Row:** Bryce Vanderwall, Andrew Marich, Ezra Liston, Kameron Sullivan, Luis Sandoval **Third Row:** Coach Justin Dekock, Phillip Bein, Pierce Fischer, Dakota Kingma, Joseph Lay, Spencer Carey, Coach Jason Vanderwoude





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1) Senior captain Rhenz Almira, 7, warms up before the game. Almira was essential to the boys defense earning himself the Varsity Mr. Defense award and 1st team All-Conference.

2) Earning over 100 goal saves this season, senior keeper and captain Michael Witvoet, 00, was essential to the team. "I feel my senior season was a success and personal best for me. I recorded over 130 saves. I was also NWI athlete of the week, team all-conference and Indiana North All Star. I enjoyed playing along side six of my good friends and classmates. I'll never forget this season." said Witvoet.



Photo by: K. Engstrom

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Boys Soccer



Photo by: K. Engstrom



Photo by: K. Engstrom

Running onto the field, sophomore Spencer Carey subs for another player. "I had a lot of fun this season. I feel like my team played well. I am really looking forward to next year."

Practicing before the Covenant Christian game, sophomore Troy Rodriguez, a JV player, warms up his muscles.



Photo By: S. Bobo

1) Sophomore Abby Klemp, 20, gains control of the ball to turn it around and clear it away from their goal. Klemp was a varsity defender. "There is a lot of pressure on me to keep up with the upperclassmen. I know I have to work my hardest at every practice to keep up with everyone," says sophomore Abby Klemp.

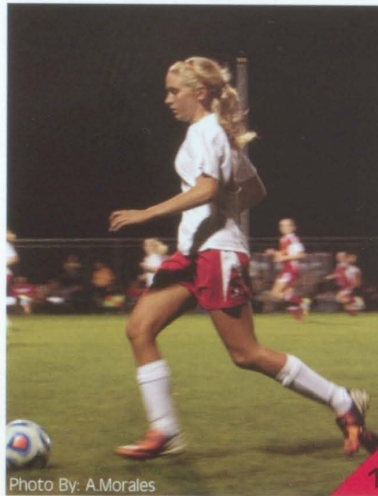


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2) Varsity sophomore Reilly Dattilo, 30, focuses on the ball to control it when it comes down. "When I'm on the field, at first, I get kind of stressed, but then once the ball gets to me, everything falls into place," says Sophomore Reilly Dattilo.



Photo By: A. Morales

a) Freshman Nicole Nannenga on the JV team, kicks the ball away from the other team. Nannenga helped the team by getting it to the other side of the field for her teammate Julianna Colon. According to Julianna the team was strongest "in defense because they held a pretty good fight against the toughest of girls."
b) Varsity girls finish their huddle before a game. The girls team went on to have an 10-1 season only having a tough loss to the Munster team.

3) Freshmen Jessica Wheeler and Zoey Riffett race for the ball to get it off of their side of the field and away from the goalie. They dribble the ball to the other side of the field and try to keep it with their team to score a goal.

4) **Front Row:** Heather Jaki, Madeline Klauer, Julie Becker, Mackenzie DeMars, Kara Gouwens, Rikki Young, Sophia VanKeppel **Second Row:** Julianna Phelps, Abbey Babe, Kiley Ferris, Abby Klemp, Jessica Young, Christian Baez, Reilly Dattilo, Julianna Colon **Third Row:** Coach Bethany Clark, Emily Hamstra, Allison Tokarz, Shannon Urbano, Natalie Fox, Nicole Nannenga, Zoey Riffett, Brianna Zimmerman, Jessica Wheeler **Fourth Row:** Coach Eric Kidwell, Kierra Dahlgren, Samantha Tokarz, Abby Tinkel, Alyssa Eger, Haley Cox, Raegan Walther, Mekenzie Cecil, Laura Odle, Coach Alex Conklin.

Reaching the Goal

Girl's Soccer, like other sports, is a sport that takes dedication, time, and effort. Practicing before their season even started, the team conditioned most of the summer to get ready. "Summer conditioning helps the team every season with getting us used to being on the field again and getting us in better shape, and many of us learned a lot of new things we didn't know before," stated freshman Shannon Urbano.

The girl's soccer team went into the season with sectionals on their mind. They had attended ISU for camp and felt that soccer camp would help them achieve their goal. "Soccer camp helped me individually on ball handling, but it also helped us as a team. The experience helped us work together and bond as a whole team," sophomore Abbey Babe said.

The conditioning for Girl's Soccer paid off and led them to sectionals after only having two losses in their whole season. "Our goal for the next season is to finally defeat Crown Point in sectionals," said sophomore Raegan Walther. The girls worked hard this season getting to sectionals, and even though they were defeated they were clear in their goal for next year: Beat Crown Point and head to regionals.



Photo By: S. Bobo





Photo By: A. Babe

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1) Senior Mackenzie De Mars guards the goal for her teammates. 2) Juliana Colon guards the ball and kicks it away from the other team. Colon was an essential player on the JV team and always worked hard to gain control of the ball. Her positive attitude gained her the award for JV mental attitude.



Photo By: S. Bobo

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Girls Soccer

SCOREBOARD

US		THEM
0	Munster	1
7	Hobart	0
3	Merrillville	0
1	Highland	0
	Griffith	forfeit
2	Anderson	1
1	Crown Point	0
3	Lowell	1
3	Merrillville	0
1	Crown Point	2



Photo By: A. Morales

Varsity players line up before the game waiting to be announced. Varsity had a 10-1 season and really worked together as a team to beat their opponents.



Photo by: J. McLean

a) A few of the girls, seniors Kaitlyn Boosma, Kaitlyn Jones, and Marissa Call wait for the call from the ref.

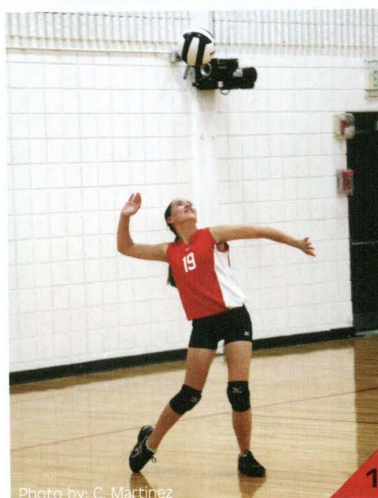


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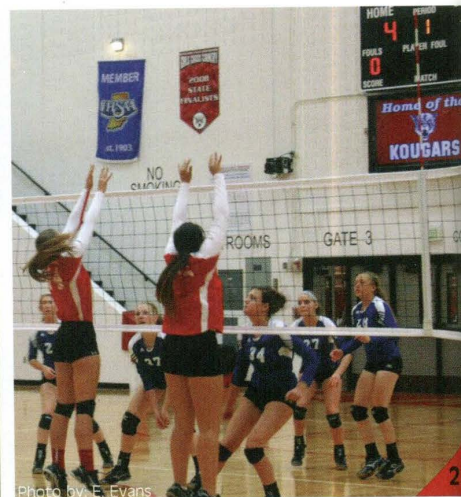


Photo by: E. Evans

1) Freshman Ashley Fisher is about to propel the ball into the opposite side of the court. 2) The front line shows unison in defending their net. "At the end of our season, the team realized that we could have done better, but overall the season went well. We will strive to do better next year!" sophomore Madison Rowen said.



Photo by: J. McLean

b) Gathering for a pre-game cheer, the team did a lot to encourage each other throughout the entire game. Sophomore Emily Dahm said the team would chant, "1.2.3 team! We made sure after every mistake we would make, we would run towards the middle of the court, huddle up, and pick each other up for encouragement."

4) **First Row:** Kaitlyn Jones, Kaitlyn Boosma, Marissa Call, Jessi Rhoades **Second Row:** Emma Maple, Lindsey Stokes, Jessica Fox, Faith Edwards, Taylor Whitson, Kaleigh Walden, Rachel Hunter, Chloe Dobson **Third Row:** Katherine Miles, Isabelle Molenaar, Reiley Burke, Leah Gouwens, Ashley Fisher, Emily Dahm, Mea Adams, Alyssa Hoffman **Fourth Row:** Bera Toppen, Madi Rowen, Holly Becker, Jill Warner, Brooke Pumnea, Camie Eenigenburg, Britney Hoffman, Kayla Paige. **Fifth Row:** Carley Maple, Diana Freund, Adair Baysinger, Madison DeYoung

Dig Pink

Even though a season is important to any Kougars team, so is using their publicity for good. Just like professional players, the KV Volleyball team used their public presence to help those in need.

All of our girls' volleyball teams raised money in order to donate it to breast cancer research. This quest for cash in the name of breast cancer research was dubbed Dig Pink. All sales, benefits, and other activities contributing to this were put on by the teams and their coaches. According to main coach Ms. Baysinger, these sales, benefits, and activities included a t-shirt sale and many serving contests between game rounds. Also, the team saw a lot of support for their effort, so a large amount was donated from anonymous sources to help the girls reach their goal.

Throughout their whole season the girls put together a final fund of \$2,184 for the Side Out Foundation. This foundation aids the quest to find a cure for breast cancer patients and all future patients. The Dig Pink project was undoubtedly a success and it left a clear mark: using the skills you have can really make an impact in the community in which you live.



Photo by: E. Evans





Photo by: T. Sparks

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1) Between games, senior Marissa Call tries to serve past her teammate's block. Sophomore Emily Dahm judges the line. The volleyball team did this activity to both entertain the audience and to raise money for breast cancer. 2) Freshman Ashley Fisher is alert as her teammate attacks the ball.



Photo by: C. Martinez

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Volleyball

Varsity

US	THEM
25 Lowell	20
25 Hobart	10
21 Andrean	25
25 Highland	22
25 Hanover Central	23
25 Griffith	22
25 Munster	14
22 Lowell	25
25 Hobart	21
23 Andrean	25
20 Highland	25
25 Griffith	17

JV

US	THEM
22 Lowell	25
25 Hobart	17
13 Andrean	25
17 Highland	25
25 Griffith	17
23 Munster	25
21 Lowell	25
25 Hobart	11
24 Andrean	25
20 Highland	25
25 Griffith	16
19 Munster	25

Freshman

US	THEM
22 West Lafayette	25
22 Crown Point	25
20 Lowell	25
25 Hobart	8
25 Andrean	19
17 Highland	25
19 Munster	25
25 Lowell	20
17 Andrean	25
25 Highland	20
25 Griffith	15
19 Munster	25



Girls and Boys Bowli

The Kankakee Valley bowling team struck back after not having a team for the 2013-2014 school year.

By collecting enough players to make a boys and girls team for the 2014-2015 season, the season started with excitement even before practices began. Members had already announced in August that there was going to be a team. According to sophomore Erika Parcel the excitement came because, "A lot of people said they weren't good at sports, so bowling gave everyone an opportunity to be on a sports team."

Even though the girls team was made up of only underclassmen, they placed 2nd in sectionals. Kendall Winnick placed 2nd overall in girls singles at sectionals. This allowed her to advance to Regionals.

Also, on the boy's team, Donnie Arnold and Tristian Garza advanced from sectionals on to regionals as singles. When asked how it felt to advance, sophomore Tristian Garza stated, "It felt good because most people don't advance, and it was a good experience for me because I still have a couple of years left"

During regionals the girls placed 7th, and although nobody came home with a trophy, they came back with a good experience, and a lot of great memories. My best memory from this season was, "

Overall, with the success of this season, the teams didn't plan to have a repeat of the 2013-2014 season, and were looking forward to starting next year's season off strong with two full teams.

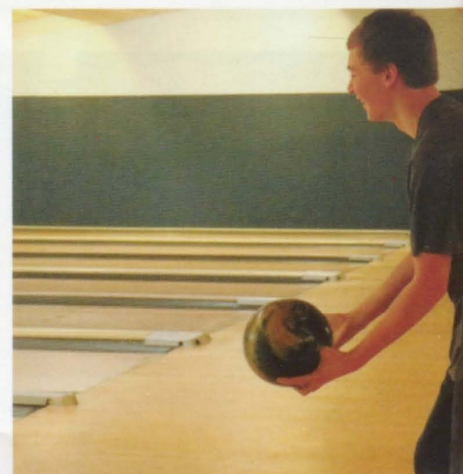


Stretching before a meet the girls get ready to win.

While bowling at Strike Zone in Rensselaer, sophomore Amanda Greathouse swings her arm back and prepares to pick up a spare. Greathouse was a varsity starter.



Sophomore Donald Arnold walks up to the foul line with his ball in his hand. Arnold finished the season with one of the most strikes and almost a 300 game at Rensselaer's bowling alley, Strike Zone.



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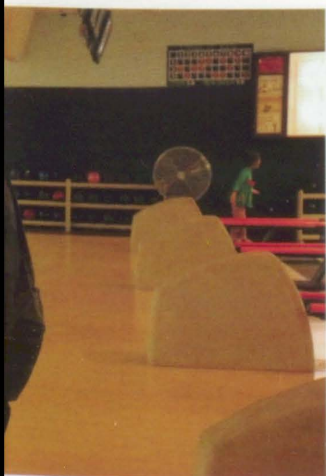


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Rhyker Earl, junior, throws his ball with two fingers at one of the week day practices at Hebron Lanes. Earl was a starter for most games and a varsity player.

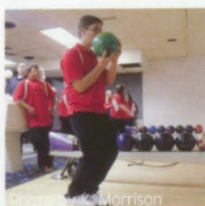


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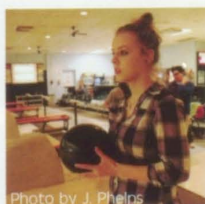


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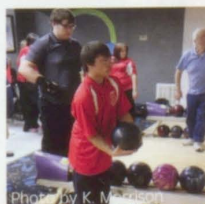


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Q

Does everyone on the boys team get along?

A

"For the most part yes, we had some minor problems, but we got along once we got to know each other."
- Nicholas Noland, 9

Q

Did you think you would get this far in a comeback season?

A

"Since we were in fourth place and all the other teams were amazing, I really didn't think we would make it to Regionals. Especially in our first year of being a team."
- Erika Parcel, 10

Q

What was it like to be on such a great team to end your senior year?

A

"It was great! I had a lot of fun! I wish that this wasn't my last year of high school because I would come back and bowl for KV."
- Joshua Whitaker, 12

Cross Country

This year KV's cross country made an impressive impact on its permanent record in both the male and female categories.

The boys saw an exciting year when they sent senior Bryce Gawronski to state. It had been eight years since a cross country runner had competed and the entire school was excited to make history again. "Making it to state was one of the greatest moments of my high school career. Finally achieving something that I had been working towards for so long was one of the best feelings in the world," said Gawronski.

Not only did Gawronski advance to state but he placed 85th. According to coach Adams, it was his best performance with a time of 16:26. However, this best time was made even sweeter because it was earned while battling a strong wind, hills, and other obstacles while running with about 200 other runners, so the time was quite an accomplishment.

Along with the boys sending a runner to state, the girls advanced to regionals two girls: Brittany Kent and Ally Schumacher. Seven boys: Bryce Gawronski, Bryce Niewoehner, Daniel Rockley, Isaac Tillema, Jacob Stemper, Denver Smith, and Justin Edwards also participated in regional races. "It was a huge accomplishment making it to regionals. I never thought I would make it that far to be honest. It was a time that I could still do well even with a disability like my back," said Schumacher.

This successful season left everyone optimistic for the possibilities of the coming year.

Senior Bryce Gawronski runs along with other opponents during the sectionals meet where he won and went on to regionals. **Coach** Tim Adams, Gabrielle Dumont, Ally Schumacher, Brittany Kent, Allison Schultheis, Kailee VanNieulande, Coach Lane Lewallen



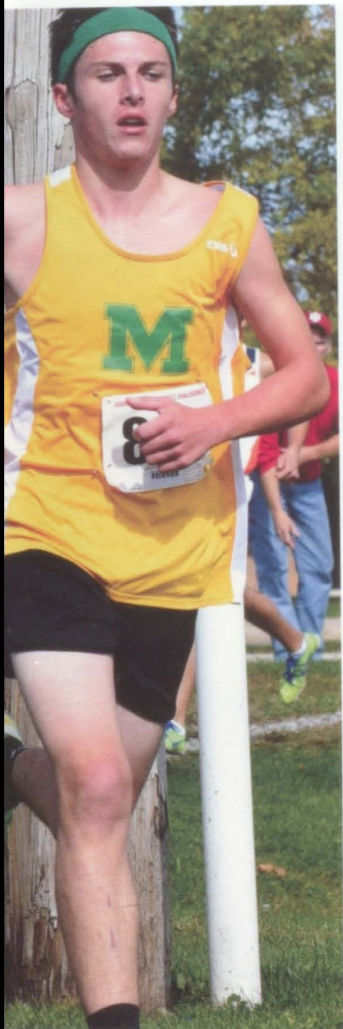
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Boys varsity runners huddle before a meet to give each other pep talks. The boys grew closer throughout the season and became more of a family than a team.



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Front Row: B. Gawronski, J. Stemper, J. Edwards **Second Row:** P. Buck, E. Meiss, V. Peterson, K. Wilson, G. Tillema, K. Holbrook, K. Gentz, A. DeHaan **Third Row:** Coach T. Adams, B. Niewoehner, C. Holbrook, I. Tillema, D. Rockley, D. Smith, C. Edwards, T. Conley, Coach L. Lewallen

Rounding the corner, junior Isaac Tillema and sophomores Daniel Rockley and Bryce Niewoehner lead the pack. **Trailing** behind at the Culver invite, sophomore Allison Schultheis pushes to advance her position.



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Q

How do you feel your senior year went? Are you proud of it?

A

"Overall, senior year was good to me and my fellow teammates. We had a solid season and individually I improved and so did the team. Our biggest highlight of the year was sending one of our teammates to state."

-Justin Edwards 12



Q

How do you feel you did this season? Did you make any accomplishments you are proud of?

A

"I had an injury the whole season so it was not a very good year for me, but I finished the season out and ran most of the meets with an injury."

-Gabrielle Dumont 11



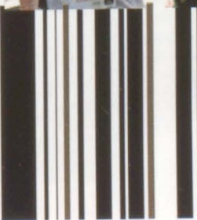
Q

How many years have you been running cross country? Are you proud of your freshman season?

A

"This is my second year of running. I feel like I did well for my freshman year, but it could have gone a lot better and I am hoping to improve next year."

-Andrew DeHaan 9



Wrestling

The wrestling team's most important event this season was being able to fund the wrestling program. The team came into season with debts from the new equipment that was needed. So in order to raise some money that was needed, the team developed a plan called "Save the Wrestling Program." For the plan they held the ACME championship, which was where semi-pro wrestlers got together to perform in front of the KV crowd.

The ACME championship was a very popular event that caused students to talk for many days. It helped raise about \$500 dollars that the team was able to put mostly towards their supplies.

This was the most important event because it really showed what a team could accomplish when they worked together. As a team, they not only had to cooperate together, but the team also had to rely on each other. These kinds of activities are good for teams that can often be focused on individual results.

In addition to the ACME wrestling match, the team also sold t-shirts at the start of the season. These funds went to cover costs from the previous year.

This program made the team have to put their heads together to support each other along with what they all love. Because of their dedication, the wrestling season was completed. The team knew that they would have another season to look forward to.

"I feel like this season the team was pretty good. We had many Regional Entries, and the team, in my opinion, really improved throughout the season," sophomore Marcus Kidwell said.

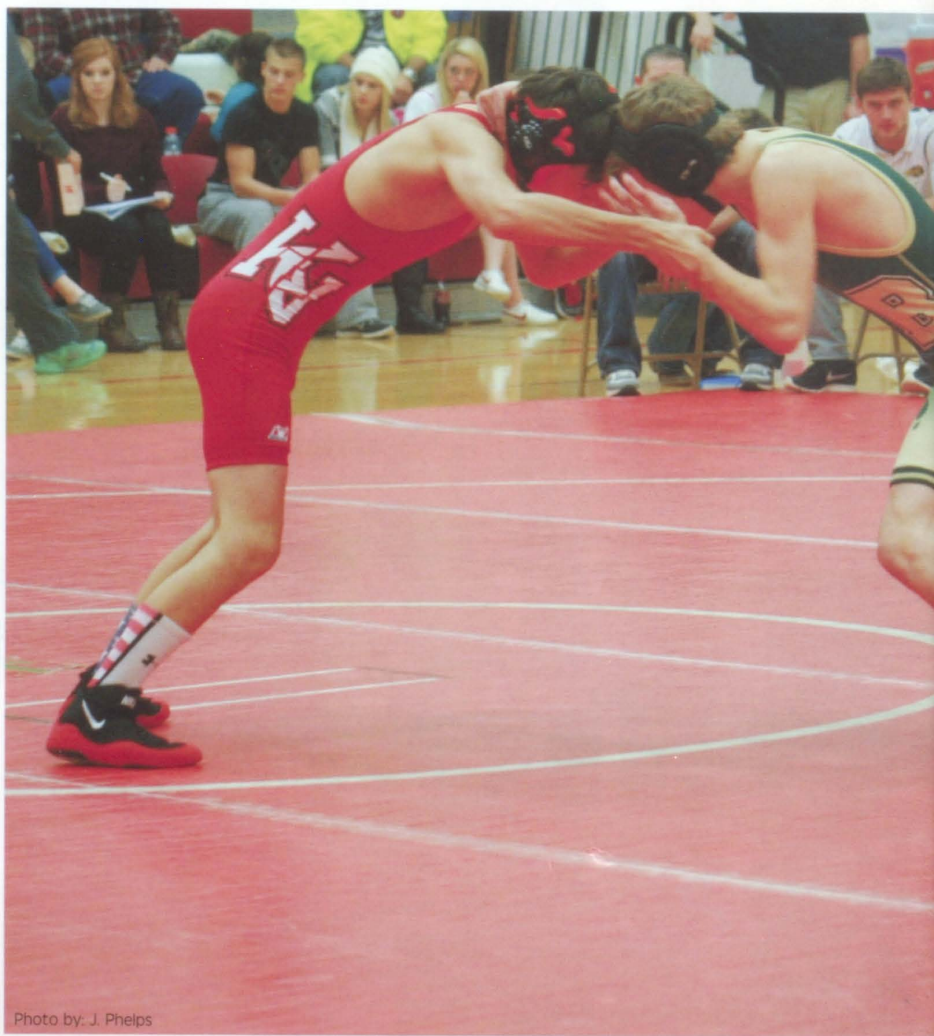


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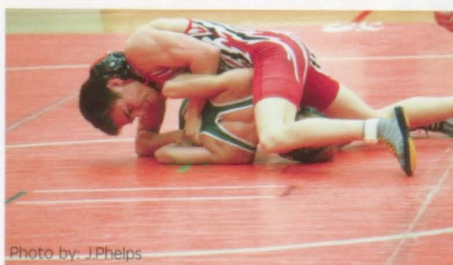


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Junior David Williams wrestles his opponent from Benton Central high school, and eventually proceeds to pin him down.

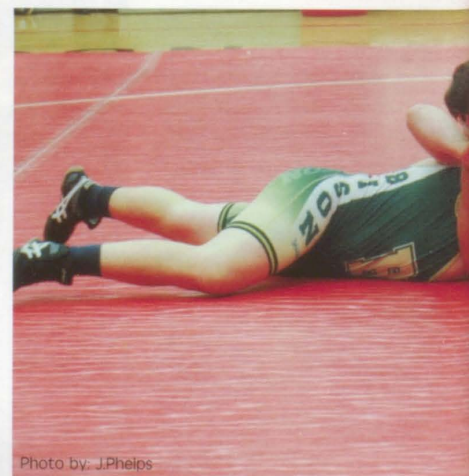


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WRESTLING



First Row: Sylvia Pritt, Logan Kidwell, Bryce Niewoehner, Marcus Kidwell, Gabriel Gonzalez, Colin Clark, Andrew Marsh, Avery Blake, Raekenna Carter
Second Row: Dakota Lawley, Denver Smith, Tyler Trotter, Nicholas Craig, Joshua Robinson, Brandon Cochran, Nicholas Phillips
Third Row: Andrew Schultise, Kreed Gentz, Luke Solomey, Thomas Gikerson, Jeremy Piersma, Robert Poppe, Norvin Hilton, Logan Nowak, Chase Clark, Taylor Bacewic
Fourth Row: Eric Kidwell, Gavin Tillerma, Nicholas Schoonveld, Nathan Holm-Hansen, Stevan Perez, Aron Ceglarek, David Williams, Randy Sneed, Gavin Marsh, Koy Schmidt, Coach Bert

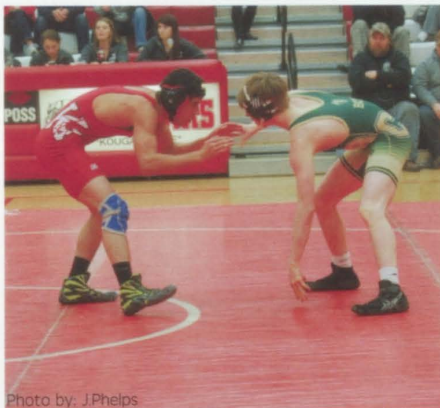


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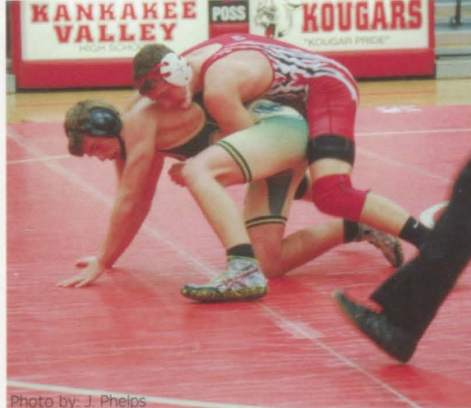


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Q

Do you have any personal goals that you wished to accomplish?

A

"Yes, I wanted to make sure that when I leave the team it's better than it was the year before."

- Chase Clark, 12



Q

If you could have changed one thing this season what would it be?

A

"I would have tried to take better care of preserving my knees. Towards the end of the season, my knee injuries were negatively impacting my wrestling."

- Bryce Niewoehner, 10



Q

What did you like the most about the season, and how do you feel about the team?

A

"It was my first season of wrestling, and I really enjoyed the intensity that the team had. We have had our ups and downs, but as a team when we come together, we can accomplish so much."

- Kreed Gentz, 11



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b

a) Junior Emma Abbring comes up for air swimming the breast stroke. Abbring has participated in swimming since middle school.

b) Steven Schmidt, Freshman, prepares to do a flip turn.

1) Sophomore Brittney Kent swims the butterfly. Kent won a conference award for the 400 freestyle.



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2) During practice junior Joshua Weaver prepares for the teams sectional run. The team placed 7th in sectionals.

Representing

Both the boys and girls teams had ups and downs, but together the teams represented KV well at invitationals and relays.

During a swim season, teams compete against their division, but at invitationals there is often a mix of new schools the teams have never competed against. For the KV swim teams, this proved to be advantageous because both placed well.

The boys team received first place at the Rensselaer relay which was a very big deal for the everyone involved.

When asked about the results of the Rensselaer relays Sophomore Mathew Misner said, "It felt amazing, our team worked so hard. I couldn't be more proud to be apart of the KV swim team. We won metals! That's a big deal and we couldn't have gotten there without the help from our coaches Mr. Standish and Mr. Roberts."

The girls team placed second in the relays at Rensselaer with five different opponents. Allison Schultheis broke the school record swimming a 1.05.05 backstroke.

Overall, wins and losses didn't matter as much when swimmers could go to large competitions and place.

3) **Front Row:** Joshua Kistler, Christian Jarosak, Cody Bencze, Elizabeth Evans, Steven Schmidt, Derek Kaluf, Rhiannon Redinger, Samantha Burnes **Second row:** Dan Roberts, Dallas Grace, Jacob Campbell, Codi Holbrook, Matthew Misner, Max Berndt, Dennis DeHaan, Valentin Peterson, Cameron Edwards **Third row:** Austin Bushore, Michael Curtis, Emmett Weiss, Jack Anderson, Brandon Martin, Ryan De Mars, Justin Edwards, Joshua Weaver, Hayden Baggerly, Ryan Standish

4) **Front row:** Emma Abbring, Leah Gouwens **Second row:** Sherri Truelock, Klara Hausenfleck, Emily Pearson, Tyler Schmitt, Abby Klemp, Bridget Hoffman **Third row:** Taryn Moslow, Rylie Gray, Lexi Smith, Allison Tokarz, Abigail Boer, Allison Schultheis, Faith Edwards, Hannah Wiesemann, Faith Hoffman, Gabrielle Dumont **Fourth row:** Kevin Stephens, Kara Gowens, Madeline Klauer, TYLERS GIRLFRIEND, Jordon Dittrich, Katie Sanders



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1) At the beginning of her high school swim career freshman Rylie Gray competes against Lowell. 2) Junior Alec Sanders swims breaststroke during a Friday practice preparing for the next meet.

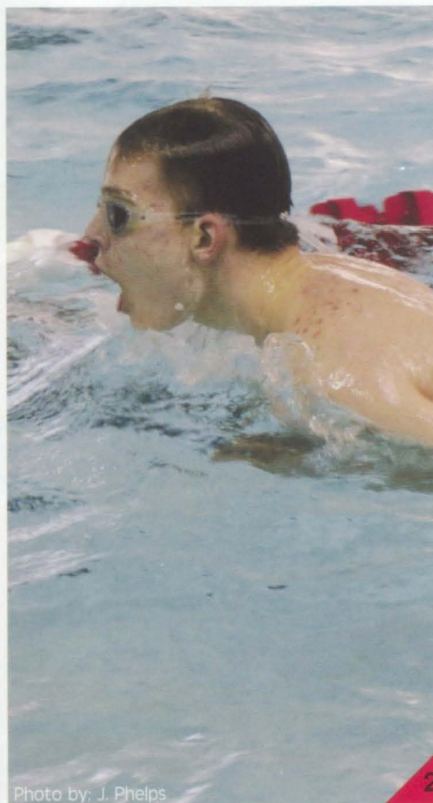


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Swimming

Boys		
US	THEM	
75	Highland	111
36	Munster	134
139	Knox	43
141	Griffith	19
119	Merrillville	79
50	Lowell	96
133	Hobart	51
108	Wheeler	64
113	Rensselaer	70
141	North Newton	35
81	Twin Lakes	102
107	Morton	71

Girls		
US	THEM	
88	Lowell	88
76	Hobart	107
84	Highland	102
114	North Jackson	50
36	Munster	134
140	Knox	41
154	Griffith	17
127	Merrillville	56
83	Wheeler	97
93	Rensselaer	59
141	North Newton	35



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1) Sophomore Jacob Jones, wearing his new jersey to represent the National Guard against Hebron, watches the call from the referee.



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2) Freshman, Nolan Myers gets ready to pass the ball off to one of his teammates, away from the opposing team.



a) Chase Sizemore, Darrick Webster, and Matthew Kralik stand ready in defense.

b) **Front Row:** Nolan Myers, Joshua Gerling, Bryant Phegley, Trenton Walstra; Carson Pewitt, Cordell Hart, Brian Tucker, Jonah Masick

3) **Front Row:** Matthew Kralik, Dylan Caldwell **Second Row:** Darrick Webster, Trenton Walstra, Jacob Jones, Logan Abbring **Third Row:** Daniel Rockley, Mac Howard, Gavinn Bakker, Chad Hill

4) **Front Row:** Ray Smith, Gavinn Bakker, Tyler Hein, Hunter VanSoest, Mac Howard; Cameron Hemphill, Trenton Walstra, Daniel Rockley, Jacob Jones, Tyler Whitehead, Shawn Scholl

Stepping Out-of-Bounds

On February 20th, KV boys basketball not only played against Hebron, but they also brought a lot of pride by stepping away from an average game in order to support people in the community.

The Hebron game started with the team wearing special jerseys to honor the National Guard. Then at halftime, the Special Olympics participants had a chance to shine. During halftime, the lights went down and all focus was pointed to the middle of the court as the basketball players lined up on either side. Rushing the court, the Special Olympics athletes ran through to get their picture taken.

After their picture was taken, the lights came back up and the Special Olympics practiced with the basketball players to show off their skills. "It was a fun time. The atmosphere was great and the National Guard jerseys were cool," said Sophomore, Mac Shane Howard.

After the halftime warm-up, the players brought out a giant American Flag which spanned the entire area of the basketball court in honor of the National Guard. Both KV and the Hebron basketball players helped hold the flag in respect. With a moment of silence and the National Anthem playing, the boys had united the entire community.





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1) Dylan Campbell gets ready to pass the ball off to an awaiting teammate.

2) Brian Tucker maneuvers himself around the opposing team to make a 2-point shot.



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Boys Basketball

Varsity

US		THEM
74	S.B Career Academy	35
47	Calumet	34
41	Munster	73
42	Manover Central	55
36	Knox	34
53	Lowell	34
55	Highland	60
52	Portage	59
55	Hobart	60
50	Wheeler	60
62	Hebron	60
N/A	North Judson	N/A

JV

US		THEM
35	Central Noble	43
44	Calumet	39
32	Munster	41
41	Manover Central	40
43	Knox	20
37	Lowell	39
42	Highland	33
29	Portage	51
36	Hobart	46
47	Wheeler	48
54	Hebron	37
46	North Judson	30



Photo by: C.Martinez

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b

a) Shooting towards the basket, freshman Nicole Nannenga lunges into the air, making a point for the Kougars.

b) Emma Maple, freshman, goes for the 3 pointer against Hebron. The JV team went on to win with a score of 26-46.

4) **Front Row:** Breanna Rose, Destany Slinker, Kirsten Hentschel, Nicole Nannenga, Hannah Herma, Hannah Cambe, Emily Dahm, Natalie Fox, Kara Strong, Emma Maple, Isabelle Molenaar
Second Row: Coach D.Veldman, M. Sampson, Coach J.Leach, S. Myers, R. Myers

5) **Front Row:** Cassandra Cleveland, Haley Carter
Second Row: Emily Dahm, Breanna Toppen, Emma Fase, Kayla Groen, Jenna Musall, R. Myers, Lauren VanderWall, Megan Groen, Alyssa Eger, Raegan Walther, Nina Freund, Lindsey Strokes
Third Row: Coach J.Leach, D.Veldman, M. Sampson, S. Myers

1) Dribbling and making her way across the court, junior Breanna Toppen gives it a shot to past two opponents of the opposite team and make a winning point for the Kougars.



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2) On senior night, Cassandra Cleveland and Jenna Musall were recognized for their hard work and the achievements they have accomplished over the years while in basketball. "I thought senior night was touching not only for Cassie but Jenna too! We knew going into the game that we had to win for them," said sophomore Hannah Cambe.

Eat. Sleep. Basketball.

Senior night is a special night for everyone on the team, but it was most special for a particular student Cassandra Cleveland. She played for the first time after being off the court for over two years. During the first few minutes of the varsity game against Hebron, Cleveland scored the first point of the night.

"It was unbelievable, I was so happy I was able to have another chance to play basketball! I will never forget it for sure!" Cleveland said, have accomplished over the years while in basketball. It wasn't just Cleveland that knew the night was special, "Since it was the seniors last game at home, we wanted to play hard and win their last home game," stated sophomore Emma Fase.

Varsity had a great season after their victory at sectionals and eventually went on to play in regionals against Calumet at New Prairie high school.

"I was so nervous and excited at the same time. It was a great experienced," senior Jenna Musall said.

Junior Varsity team had a great year getting into sectional finals. "Winning sectionals was our first priority for the whole team, but getting the opportunity to get to the finals was a success for the whole team," sophomore Emily Dahm said.

Congratulations to both teams for having an excellent season.



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1) Having three opponents blocking the basket, senior Jenna Musall still manages to score a point.

2) Kirsten Hentschel, Hannah Herma, and Emma Maple prepare to rebound the ball for another attempt to shoot and score.



Girls' Basketball

JV		
US		THEM
36	Knox	24
55	Boone Grove	21
34	Wheeler	32
30	N.Judson	20
39	Munster	40
29	Crown Point	32
23	Andean	24
39	Rensselaer	37
41	Griffith	8
18	Benton Central	60
46	Hebron	26
28	Merrillville	35

Varsity		
US		THEM
49	North Judson	44
43	Munster	38
43	Crown Point	26
51	Andean	48
66	Rensselaer	35
59	Griffith	34
57	Benton Central	37
61	Hebron	50
75	Merrillville	41
78	Calumet	28
63	Andean	52
57	Hanover	48

Boy's Track

Starting their season practicing in cold and rainy weather, the boys pushed themselves to the limit together to make the best out of their season.

The boys gave it their all throughout the long season, working hard to get ready for sectionals and trying to make it past sectionals to reach regionals and then state. Although the team fell short, certain track members did advance to regionals where the team's hard work paid off. For other athletes, breaking their personal records and finishing third place in sectionals was a season highlight.

Freshman Gavin Tillema earned a trip to Regionals by receiving 3rd place in the 110 meter hurdles. Senior Justin Edwards broke a personal record by running a 46.00 in the 300 meter hurdles for his final high school race. Sophomore Darin Kapella broke his personal shot put record by about 4 feet. Many other personal bests were reached during the Kougars sectional run.

"It was a whole lot of fun being able to run with the fastest people on the team, and becoming friends with them. I also worked really hard to get where I was. I really improved throughout the season getting personal best and making my way up," said sophomore Adam Buckmaster.

It was a long road on their way to sectionals, but the boys gave it their all no matter what; through the rain and the sun, the boys worked hard.

Congratulations to track and field for their accomplishments.



Row One: Phillip Bein, Denver Smith, Kreed Gentz, Jacob Stemper, Tyler Pritt, Emmett Meiss, Valentin Peterson, Andrew DeHaan **Row Two:** Taylor Hawrot, Rhenz Almira, Eric Philbrook, Logan Nowak, David Dahn, Oscar Gutierrez, Bryant Phegley, Abigail Earle, **Row Three:** Coach Adams, Coach Standish, Adam Buckmaster, Luke Solomey, Darin Kapella, Kostas Kouskousakis, Daniel Rockley, Jacob Young, Nicholas Schoonveld, Smundin, Smundin, Isaac Tillema, Gavin Tillema, Coach Conklin



Sophomore Logan Nowak and junior Oscar Gutierrez run around the track, practicing for sectionals.

Sophomore Logan Nowak practices jumping over the pole vault



Boys Track

US	THEM
77	Twin Lakes 55
32	Munster 101
92	Andrean 39
79	North Newton 83
72	Winamac 93
98	Griffith 29
50	Hobart 81
75	Renaissance Central 87
42	Lowell 86
56	Highland 75
5	Munster 189
5	Hobart 138

Q

A



What was your favorite track memory of all time?

"My best memory of track is having Coach Roberts come up to our 4 X 400m relay team at sectionals, writing down a time on a piece of paper, and saying, "You're going to run this." He then just walked away, and we ran that EXACT time"

- Jacob Stemper

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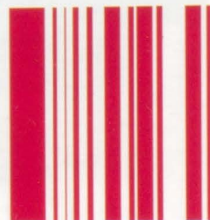
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What was your favorite part about track?

"My favorite part of track were the meets because the atmosphere felt like I was at sectionals. Friday nights with the lights shining on me, it gave me an incredible feeling."

-Daniel Rockley



Girls Track

Girls track was one of the most successful sports at Kankakee Valley without a doubt. It all started way back in 2010 when the winning streak began. The 2010 team acquired a sectional championship title after many years. After extreme practicing and complete dedication, the team thrived for greatness and improvement. The team continued to win and continued to practice and become a greater team. The next five years they won meet after meet after meet and were successful again and again. Five years of success, hard work, and dedication all paid off in the end. They had been recognized by many of the students here at KV for their accomplishments.

The track teams 4x4 relay team went off to state with a new school record on their shoulders. Juniors Jenna Jungels, Leah Gouwens, senior Kara Gouwens, and sophomore Brittany Kent all went to state for their outstanding work in the 4x4 relays.

Jenna Jungels, junior, is individually entering state for the long jump, 100 meter hurdles and 300 meter hurdles. Brittany Kent is going to state for the 800 meter dash. We congratulate them all for all of their hard work and accomplishments to get to this point.



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Row 1: Hailey Chappman, Kara Gouwens, Shannon Patrick, Jenna Musall **Row 2:** Jazmyne Mehay, Taylor Gideon, Julianna Colon, Brittany Swafford, Abbey Babe, Nicole Nannenga, Kirsten Hentschel **Row 3:** Brianna Rose, Allison Tokarz, Kailee VanNieulande, Crystal Benitez, Madison Fisher, Abby Klemp, Raegan Walther, Natalie Fox, Isabelle Molenaar, Aries Morales **Row 4:** Coach Paige Walzsch, Nina Freund, Brittany Kent, Leah Gouwens, Jenna Jouglas, Erin Gouwens, Brooke Pumnea, Emma Fase, Hailey Farr, Faith Hoffman **Row 5:** Coach David Veldmen, Alyssa Eger, Mekenzie Cecil, Kayla Christenson, Reiley Burke, Georgia Frost, Kara Strong, Laura Odle, Allison Schulties, Coach Lane Lewallen

1: Senior Kara Gouwens and junior Jenna Jungels place their hands by the white starting line at practice. Both runners were practicing their form for the sectionals that were coming up that week.





2: Sectional champions pose with the sectional trophy after the meet. The sectional team was a very young team with two seniors, five juniors, four sophomores, and one freshman.

3: Jenna Jungels, Leah Gouwens, juniors, and senior Kara Gouwens do some of their routine stretches before beginning to practice for their regional competition the following Saturday.

4: At their practice before regionals, juniors Jenna Jungels and Leah Gouwens take a quick jog before starting their warm ups.



Q
How does it feel to be sectional champions for the fifth time in a row?

A
"It's gratifying, knowing our team is full of elite athletes that are more than capable of defeating some outstanding teams. By this point in time we consider it to be tradition, but we don't take the competition lightly."

-Jazmyne Mehay, 11



Q
How does it feel being only a junior and heading to state?

A
"It's nice to be going as a junior, but I went to state freshmen and sophomore year and medaled both times."

-Jenna Jungels, 11



Q
Do you think you tried your hardest at sectionals and regionals? Why?

A
"When you know this race might be your last race to run, it takes the saying 'leave everything you have on the track' to a whole new level."

-Kara Gouwens, 12



a) First Row: Haley Wotherspoon, Alyssa Evolga, Lillian Blanchard, Kaylynn Ritz, Kendall Winnick, Alyssa Devries, Abigail Mann **Second Row:** Mrs. Estrada, Wendy McMahon, Kierra Dahlgren, Hailey Ford, Tymber Ceglarek

b) First Row: McKenzie Adams, Samantha Jones, Lindsey Stokes **Second Row:** Sarah Starr, ReAunna Puskac, Heather Yates, Ashley Fisher, Emma Maple **Third Row:** Mr. Flynn, Breanna Toppen, Hannah Cambe, Mia Stevens, Lauren Cambe, Kaitlyn Boomsma

1) Just seconds from hitting the ball towards outfield, sophomore Kierra Dahlgren cranks in all her force. The hit put her on second base.



2) After her second strike, junior Hailey Ford concentrates to hit the ball. The hit went into left field causing her to be out.

All about that Base!

Dedicated to the game and their team, softball did the best they could with their season. After all their hard work, they sadly said fairwell to players that had become like family.

K.V. held their annual senior night at the intermediate school to give their last goodbyes to the leaving seniors. They were rewarded with cheers from their fans, family, and students. Their hopes were high in trying to win their last game.

"It was fun, but sad because it was my last year. This is the last year I will be playing with my favorite players and coaches but I plan on coming back to help them," senior Lauren Cambe said.

The night consisted of rain and cold weather, making it seem like even a sadder night for the varsity team. However, rain couldn't keep them down as they won the game against Hebron.

"It made me happy. It's always good to win, especially on senior night. Winning the game in the last inning was the most exciting part," senior Kaitlin Boomsma said.

The night was filled with tears that were bittersweet for the seniors. Congratulations to both JV and Varsity and good luck to the seniors as they leave behind the memories they created during their softball seasons.

3) During open gym, sophomore Alyssa DeVries goes to pitch the ball towards her partner.

4) As the seniors wrap up their final season, the seniors take a picture with all their team players to remember their final year at Kankakee Valley. Pictured below are Heather Yates, ReAunna Puskac, Mia Stevens, Lauren Cambe, Kaitlyn Boomsma, and Samantha Jones.





1) Pitching during their game against Hebron, freshman Kendall Winnick strikes out her opponent.

2) Getting ready to hit the ball, sophomore Kierra Dahlgren concentrates to bring a win for the Kougars.



Softball



After falling behind during a game, the team huddles around to encourage each other. After the encouragement, the team progressively increased their performance.



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a) Short stop junior Gregory Larzelere and left fielder sophomore Mac Howard prepare for a ball that is headed in their direction.

1) Sophomore third baseman Daniel Monk prepares for a ball towards left field in order to get it to first for an easy out.



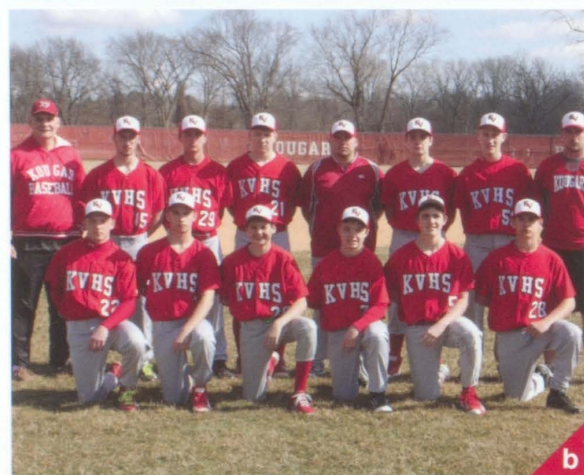
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2) Logan VanVleet, freshmen, swings and hits a line drive out to right-center field. VanVleet was the starting catcher for the varsity team.



b

b) **First Row:** Jacob Allen, Seth Lions, Owen Misch, Nolan Myers, Jonah Masick, Maxwell Vance **Second Row:** Coach Jim Pint, Hunter Molden, Carson Pewitt, Gavin Turpin, Coach Tyler Cambe, Noah Witkowski, Samuel Sanders, Coach Mike Tilley

Working Around It

The team and coaches were faced with many challenges and obstacles this 2015 season; however, that didn't stop the team from trying their hardest and giving it their all. All teams saw smaller numbers than the previous year, and they were not as skilled as the 2014 team. Coaches had to bring up outfielders, hitters and pitchers from junior varsity to make the team a little bigger and add some extra skill onto the team.

"Yeah, I do feel that the dramatic changes did impact our team because we did lose a lot of good baseball players that would've helped us out in the long run, but I'm also glad that we have the team that we have because those who stayed showed that they love the game no matter what type of season we are having. They're there for you for the good and bad and no matter what they have your back and that's what I feel really helps a team in the long run," says senior Zachary Fox about his view on the team this season. Fox made the best of every bad situation and brought the team up whenever they got down. He was truly an asset to the program.

Through the struggles, the baseball team found they became like a family. The players were the brothers and the managers were the sisters. They always had each others back; no matter how the season went.

3) **Varsity First Row:** Logan VanVleet, Daniel Monk, Devin Harrington **Second Row:** Gregory Larzelere, Cameron Fritts, George Lewis, Jacob Jones, Zachary Fox, Riley Misch **Third Row:** Coach Ryan Armstrong, James Elliott, Mac Howard, Steven Ganzeveld, Dylan Caldwell, Michael Popp, Coach Zachary Prairi

4) **Junior Varsity First Row:** Tyler Whitehead, Noah Croft, Shawn Scholl, Quinten Henning, Jacob Allen **Second Row:** Coach Scott Cochran, Alexander Wolf, Ryker Porter, Brandon Drenth, Jacob Shevock, Gavin Turpin, Seth Lions, Coach Jim Pint



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1) Senior Zachary Fox gets in a stance to attempt to pick off a runner at first or catch him before he steals second. Zachary was pitcher and first baseman.

2) Waiting for a hit, sophomore Michael Popp stands on his toes and prepares for the ball if it is hit towards him. Michael was first baseman.



Baseball

Varsity		
US		THEM
5	Calumet	2
13	Rensselaer Central	12
16	Lake Station Edison	6
7	New Prairie	10
3	North Newton	12
7	Merriville	3
7	Morgan Township	21
15	Knox	5
11	LaCrosse	1
0	Hanover Central	10
10	West Central	6
8	North Judson	18



During the Lake Station Edison game at home, sophomore Michael Popp prepares to throw a pitch in bottom of the second inning during the Kougars Classic tournament. Kougars won 16-6 during that first game of the tournament and lost the second game 7-10 against New Prairie.



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b

a) Madisen Nomanson goes in for a swing to hit the ball during practice, preparing for their next big game.

b) At senior night, seniors Alex Martakis, Adam Sayers, Kyle Banaszak, Hunter DeHaan, and David Berndt gather around after receiving their gifts for their final home meet.

1) Junior Megan Groen, exhausted on the court, catches her breath after a long practice out in the sun, but continues to practice because of the passion she has for the sport.



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2) After being honored at their last tennis meet, during senior night, seniors David Berndt, Alex Martakis, Adam Sayers, Kyle Banaszak, and Hunter DeHaan huddle around each other for one last time.

Making a Racket

"Tennis has honestly been more of a personal journey for me, than a sport. Over the past four years I learned a lot about myself that I wouldn't have otherwise. Leaving it behind will undoubtedly be tough, but I am endlessly thankful for all of the wonderful experiences," said Kyle Banaszak, 12.

When it comes to talking about Tennis or any other sport, the sport itself means more to the players. Not only do they get to compete against other school and receive rewards, but they also come together as a family and create a bond that stays with them for the rest of their lives. The passion they have for the sport makes them work harder to achieve their personal goals in the game.

"I joined tennis because I knew I'd meet some amazing people, and because I knew it'd make a great stress reliever. I'd have to say my passions about it are that it's a great sport for beginners," said sophomore Madisen Nomanson.

Although they will have to leave tennis once their high school career at Kankakee Valley ends, the memories, friendships, and achievements they conquered during the seasons will stay with them. Congratulations to both Girls' and Boys' tennis on their season!

3) Jared Stemper, Austin Atterbury, David Berndt, Adam Sayers, Brett Fase, Trevor Wiesemann, Alex Martakis, Kyle Banaszak, Hunter DeHaan, Coach Sanderson

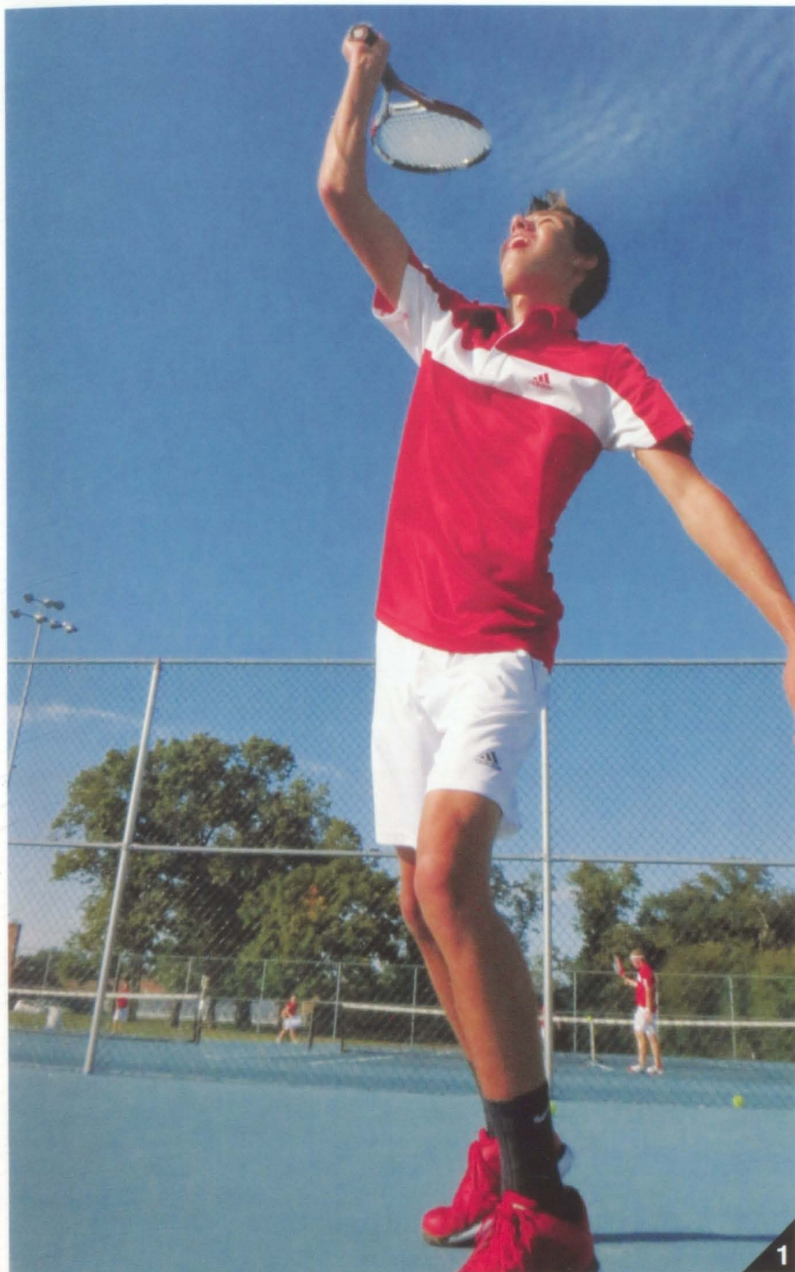
4) **First Row** MGR T. Wiseman, D. Hershman, P. Sanders, J. Stemper
Second Row A. Jakubowicz, S. Capouch, H. Wiseman, M. Nomanson, C. Birky, K. Miles
Third Row Coach M. Rowen, K. Dykstra, M. Groen, B. Hoffman, C. Tedesco.



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1) Getting ready to strike and hit the ball, Junior Austin Abbring works on his skills on being able to hit a fastball.



Tennis





a) Driving the ball off of the tee, senior Joshua Shearer prepares for sectionals.



b) Chipping the ball out of the sand, freshmen Tyler Gouwens practices the common occurrence. During the season when the ball ends up in the sand it is difficult to get back on the green.



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1) Shanan Patrick drives the ball off of the tee hoping to hit the green. 2) Katherine Woolever putts the ball. Woolever has participated in golf since her freshmen year.

The Birdies and the Bees

During their season, the boys worked hard to achieve their goals, but faced many obstacles throughout the season. One of them being when coach Stanton was suddenly put in the hospital. During his trip to the hospital, the team pulled out a win. The boys ended up having a pretty great season with 10 wins and 6 losses but fell short during sectionals. Two team members, seniors Michael Sokol and Eric Vorst, won conference awards and got first and second team respectively.

The girls team went on to win sectionals and got 2nd in their conference. Winning sectionals was quite a feat considering the different obstacles that come with golfing. Before taking a swing, you have to take in the wind resistance, getting used to golfing on the different courses, and taking in the distance from the tee to the green. The weather is also something golfers have to consider. If it's thundering, it causes an inconvenience to the golfers by delaying any meets that may be on that day.

Golfing can be a great way to relax and spend your weekends, but golfing is more than just a way to relax. Playing for the school, it takes hard work and dedication.

3) First Row: Katie Sanders, Morgan Overstreet, Shanan Patrick, Hannah Herma, Tara Beere **Second Row:** Coach Beere, Katherine Woolever, Erin Gouwens, Kayla Groen, Coach Stanton

4) First Row: Cameron Hemphill, Trenton Walstra, Joshua Whitaker, Kameron Sullivan, Derek Kulaf **Second Row:** Coach Beere, Dennis DeHaan, Eric Vorst, Michael Sokol, Tyler Risner, Bailey Flick, Joshua Shearer **Third Row:** Coach Snowden, Brian Tucker, Hunter Ahrendt, Nicholas Arnold, Derek Schurman, Nathan Hudecek, Payton Gutwein, Theodore Tobias, Coach Stanton



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1) Sophomore Bailey Flick practices driving the ball.

2) Senior Tara Beere aims for the ball during her final season.



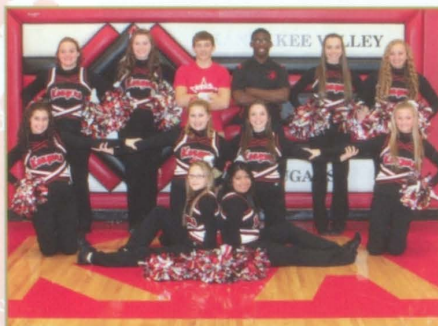
Golf



WINTER

Winning Records

Girls varsity basketball had another great season with a winning record of 12-0. The team was close to a sectional championship. The girls and boys bowling teams both went to sectionals. Only the girls placed second and were named sectional runner ups and moved onto regionals. Girls and boys swimming both had winning records and had the chance of going to sectionals. Boys were sadly disqualified and the girls placed fourth overall. The dance team went to the Midwest Cheer/Dance competition and placed first as a team. Junior Emily Tauber and sophomore Gabrielle Desimini placed first in their duet.

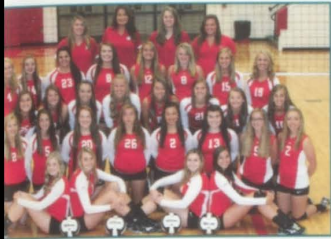


The girls track team is sectional champions for the fifth year in a row. Now, they're on their way to regionals.



FALL

Winning Records



Girls varsity volleyball had a winning record of 8-4. Girls golf went to state for the first time since 1982. Cheerleaders placed second in their Midwest Cheer/Dance competition. Girls varsity soccer had a winning record of 7-2 and were sectional runner-ups. Football had a winning record of 6-5, won the Milk Can and went to sectionals. Tyler Pritt was accepted into Purdue cheerleading as a lifter.



John Williams, senior, was the third selected KV football player in school history to represent squad in the North-South All-Star game July 17th at North Central High School in Indianapolis.

SPRING

Girls track had a phenomenal season with their five time sectional championship. Twelve competitors moved onto regionals and the 4x4 team moved onto state. The 4x4 team included Jenna Jungels, Leah Gouwens, juniors, Kara Gouwens, senior, and Brittany Kent, sophomore. Girls tennis had a successful season both JV and Varsity. Boys track had a great season with some of the team heading to state. Girls softball did well during their 2014-2015 season.



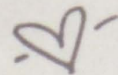


Did you know
I think of you
every single day?
And I'm already
daydreaming
about our next visit.

I love you so much!

True...
#nohomo

Just Kidding!

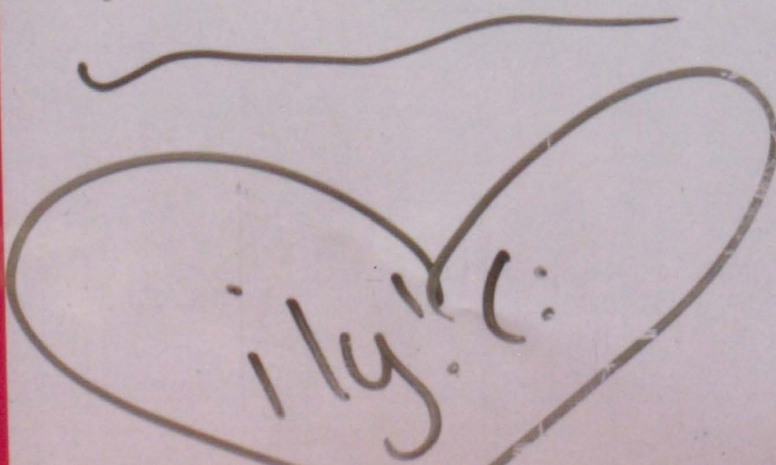


Morgan
Dunham

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People



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1. During the Snowcoming pep rally, the cheerleaders performed their competition routine for the school. They went on to place second in the Midwest Cheer/Dance competition with the performance, but many cheerleaders expressed worry at this performance because they didn't want to mess up in front of their peers. 2. Alexis Johnson sits on a bench in the middle of the stage getting ready to preform her own version of the Ice-Cream Skit for Theatre Arts. She sits waiting for her partner, Chance Schofield, to come out on stage and begin their scene. 3. During the Hawaiian Day pep rally, multiple students were awarded shirts and congratulated for their hard work in academics and sports. 4. Freshmen Mariah Keown and Arianna Augstyn sit on the floor in the computer lab working together on their Algebra using the ALEKS program for Algebra Enrichment. 5. Nick Craig, mid-air, ready to make a basket for the 3-on-3 basketball tournament the BPA club put together to raise money in order to go to state and compete. 6. Alex Villalpando plays his guitar for a group of people during the schools annual Homecoming bonfire. The football team used all the energy from the pep session to defeat Andean.

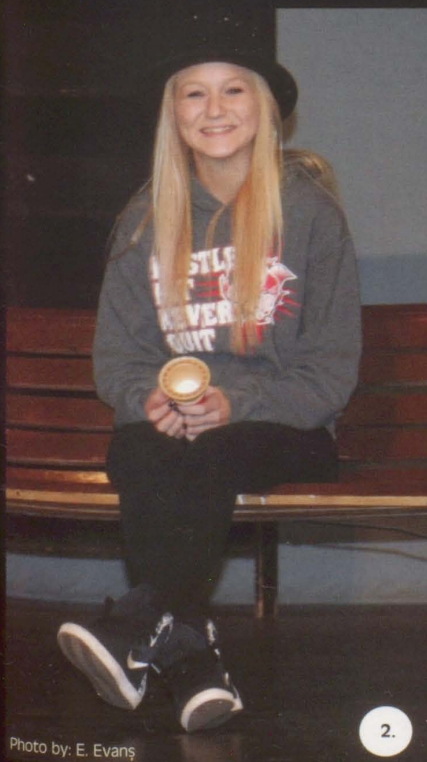


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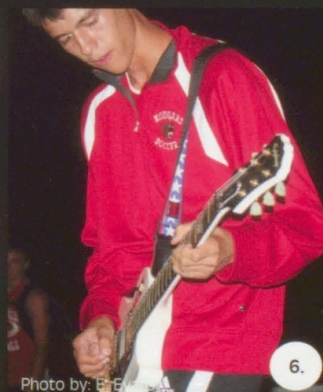


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Seniors

Senior class officers are Corissa Abell, Cassandra Ooms, Jacob Stemper, and Mackenzie De Mars. **Jason** Borgman works on editing one of the scripts he has to do while taking Mr. Jeff Martin's class. **At** the homecoming game, Kayla Gustafson performs in her sparkling homecoming dress along with the Kolor Guard. **At** one of the theater arts practices, senior Britany Morrison performed for her class.





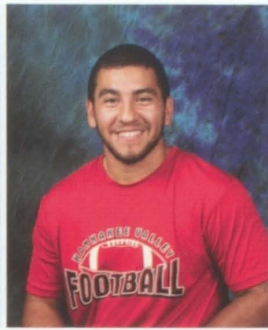
Carley Abel

"Welcome to the real world. It sucks. You're gonna love it." -Moncia Celler



Corissa Abell

"Plan like there is a future, live like there is no tomorrow." -hobby13



Nicholas Acevez

"If its worth fighting for, it's not gonna be easy"



Alyssa Allen



Rhenz Almira

"It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up."

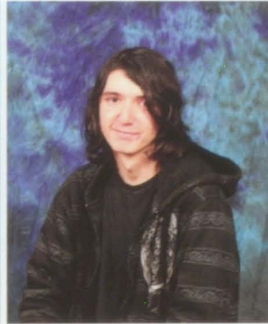


Logan Anderson



Paige Asbridge

"The roof is not my son... but I will raise it."



Jared Ast

"This isn't even my final form"



Callie Baird

"Life is a journey to be experienced, not a problem to be solved."



Kyle Banaszak

"No Johns."



Brittani Barbee

"Time you enjoy wasting, was not wasted" - John Lennon



Trevor Barcus



Brittney Batholomew

"You're only given a little spark of madness, you musn't lose it" - Robin Williams



Julie Becker

"I wish you'd get out of my life."



Kala Beenes



Tara Beere

"No matter what anybody tells you, words and ideas can change the world." -John Keating (Robin Williams)



Cody Bell

"Work hard and be nice to everyone!"



David Berndt



Peyton Billens



Kathryn Birk

"Discipline is the bridge between goal and accomplishment."



Cheyenne Bloch



Kaitlyn Boomsma
"Keep on Keeping on!"
-Joe Dirt



Jason Borgman



Amy Brennan



Tamara Brook



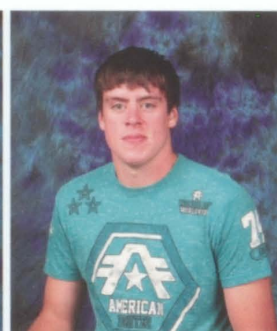
Ryan Buck
"If you can't think outside the box,
blow up the box."



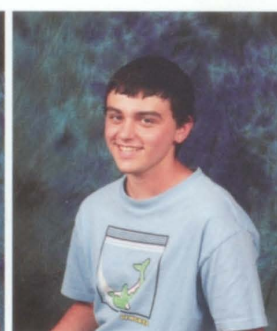
Matthew Burk



Travis Butler
"Git-R-Done"



Dylan Caldwell



David Call



Marissa Call
"That was nothing like 'High School Musical' at all."



Lauren Cambe
"Don't count the days, make the
days count." -Mary Jane



Nicole Cardaras
"Squad means family, family means
nobody gets left behind or
forgotten."



Sintia Carrera
"We do not fear the future, for we
are the future."



Orion Ceglarek



Haylie Chapman
"Be strong, and have courage."



Belanah Chavez



Chase Clark



Cassandra Cleveland
"No matter how dark the path
seems, it's going to get brighter
from here."



Eric Cleveland



Kyler Collins



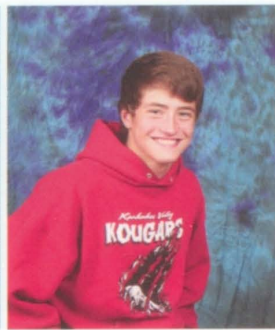
Malia Comia
 "When someone asks you to do something, do it bad, so they never ask you to do it again."



Colten Conley



Taylor Cope



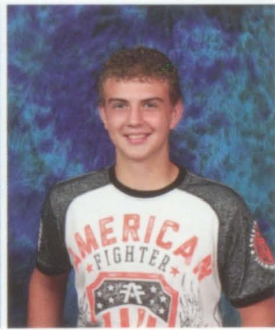
Nicholas Craig



Christian Crum



Hannah Dancer
 "If you focus on what you've left behind, you'll never be able to see what lies ahead."



Hunter DeHaan
 "Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character." -Einstein



Taylor Dekock
 "The best advice I've ever received is, no one else knows what they're doing either." -Ricky Gervais



Kyle Delinsky
 "How the trip never stops, on and on, it's beyond insane."



Mackenzie De Mars
 "I didn't choose the twin life..."



Ryan De Mars
 "...the twin life chose me."



Jacob DeSimini
 "When was this due again?" -Big J



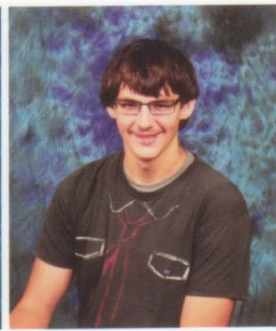
Jordon Dittrich
 "You are where you need to be. Just take a deep breath" -Lana Parrila



Nicole Drennan
 "Be who you are, because those who matter don't mind and those who mind don't matter."



Savannah Dugan
 "Broken crayons still color."



Johnathon Dunham



Justin Edwards
 "The only true wisdom is knowing you know nothing" -Socrates



Calvin Eenigenburg
 "You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something in your life." -Winston Churchill.



Kaylee Engstrom
 "Time flies good news is you're the pilot."



Caitlin Ervin
 "Before you ask which way to go,
 remember where you've been."



Madalyn Fiscus
 "All our dreams can come true if we
 have the courage to pursue them." -
 Walt Disney



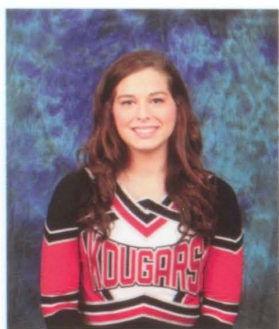
Keith Fitzpatrick
 "The farther backward you look, the
 farther forward you see."



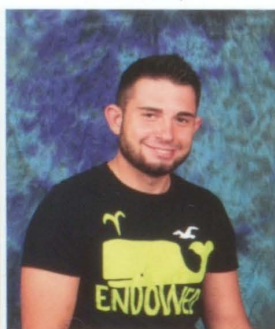
Moriah Fletcher
 "We're all stories in the end, just
 make it a good one, eh?" -The
 Doctor



Jake Forden



Mia Forden



Zachary Fox
 "Suns out Guns out!"



Emily Franzen
 "The more boys I meet, the more I
 love my dog."



Colin Fritts



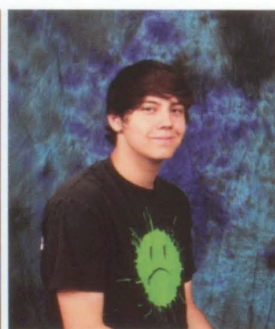
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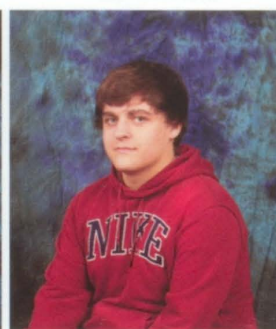
Michelle Fyda



Steven Ganzeveld
 "If you ain't first, you're last."
 'Merica."



Trace Garcia



Brandon Gass



Bryce Gawronski
 "Where you invest your love, you
 invest your life."



Mackenzie Glenn
 "Fall seven times; stand up eight." -
 Japanese Proverb



Mari Gomez-Zaragoza
 "Never believe that a few caring
 people can't change the world."



Alexis Gonzalez
 "The cost of sanity in this society is
 a certain level of alienation." -
 Terence McKennel



Elijah Goodman
 "No" -Rosa Parks



Kara Gouwens
 "I am prepared to meet my maker.
 whether my maker is prepared to
 meet me is another matter." -
 Winston Churchill



Madelyn Gregolunas



Amanda Grevenstuk
"This is starting to look like a contest of who can care less."



Kayla Gustafson
"No other day but today. No other road, no other way." -Mim- from "RENT"



Chloe Hamstra
"Help."



Garrett Hartman
"I am serious, and don't call me Shirley." -Dr. Rumack, Airplane



Jeffrey Hayes



Hanna Helton
"At least my mom thinks I'm funny."



Erin Hennin
"Don't live life too seriously; you'll never get out alive." -Van wilder



Delaney Hershman
"Believe in yourself, dream, try. Do good." -Mr Feeny



Lindsay Holley
"We can never be irreparably broken."



Brandon Holmes
"It's always good to add to your legacy." -Chris Jericho



Heather Jaki
"If you like water, then you are already like 72% of me."



Craig Jenkins
"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in awhile, you could miss it"



Mayah Johnson
"The marks humans leave are too often scars."



Savannah Johnson
"When life gets blurry adjust your focus."



Kaitlyn Jones
"Silence is a source of great strength."



Katherine Jones
"You have brains in your head, shoes on your feet, you can steer yourself in any direction you choose." -Dr. Suess



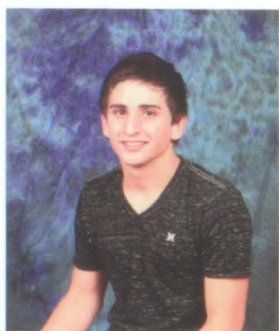
Samantha Jones
"Always battle like a two strike hitter."



Kaylie Kats
"Even though you're fed up, you gotta keep ya head up"-Tupac Shakur

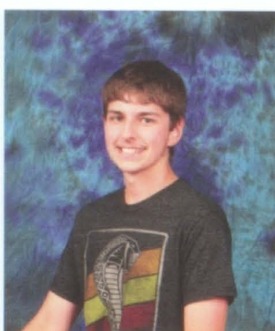


Serena Ketchum
"You can never be over-dressed or over-educated."



Logan Kidwell

"We'll never know our full potential unless we push ourselves to find it." - Travi Rice



Christopher Kieres

"...Those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." - Dr. Seuss

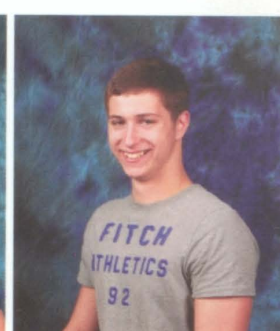


Madeline Klauer



Alan Klemp

"I had rather be on my farm than be the emperor of the world." - George Washington

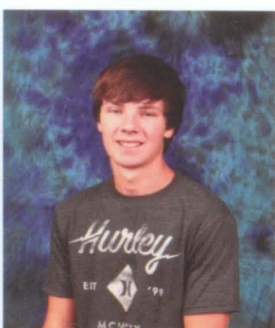


Neal Klingaman

"Came here to spend it, not leave without it." - Wiz Khalifa

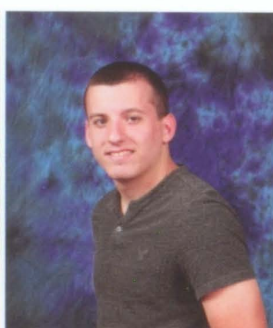


Heather Koartge



William Korba

"Accept the challenges so you can feel the exhilaration of victory."



Matthew Kralik

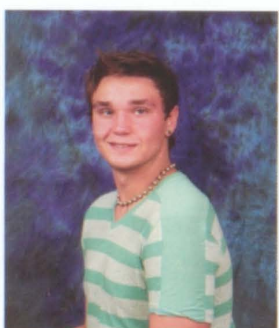
"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen." - Micheal Jordan



Daniel Krueger



Michael Krueger



Joshua Krupchak

"Zig zaggity bippity bop puddin pops" - Bill Cosby



Noah Lane

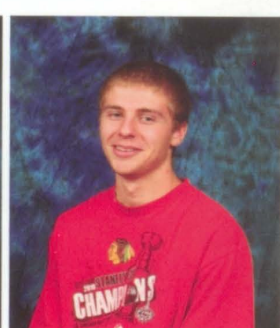


Kaitlyn Leach

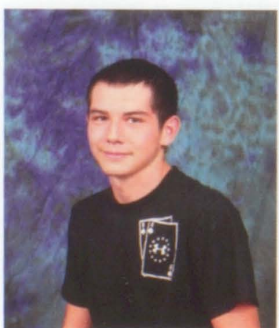
"you do you"



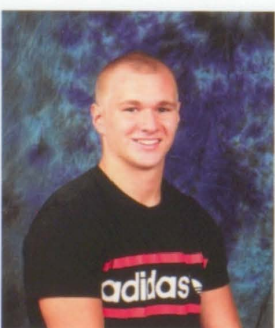
Brandon Lesczynski



George Lewis



Gage Lovely



Matthew Lukacek

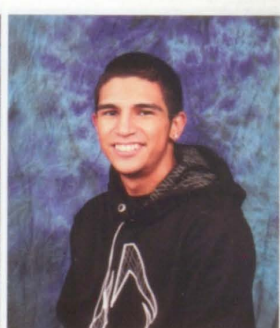


Rebecca Mackey



Paige Maki

"I look better in person."



Erick Mancina



Timothy Marich



Alex Martakis
"The true sign of beauty is not
knowledge but imagination." -Albert
Einstein



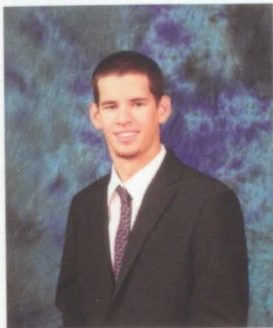
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Ricardo Duran Martinez



Tyler Maynard
"You better redneckanize! #Merican
Jeep Life"



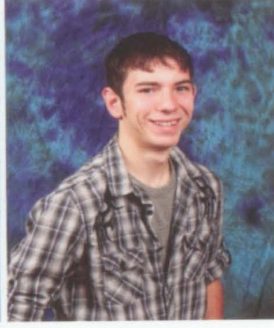
Keith McGing
"Drive it like you stole it."



Heather Meeks
"It takes courage to grow up and
become who you really are."



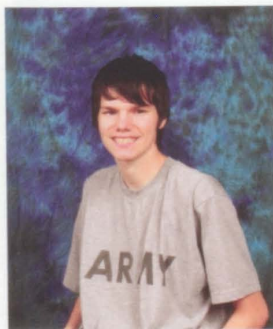
Jenna Meeks
"#done"



Emmett Meiss
"...boil it, broil it, bake it, saute it.
There's shrimp soup, shrimp stew..."
-Forrest Gump



Jasmine Middleton



Zachary Miller



Riley Misch
"Why don't you go practice fallin'
down? I'll be there in a minute." -Joe
Dirt



Britany Morrison



Jacob Murray
"Don't cry over mistakes. Keep
trying and eat cake."



Jenna Musall
"Wait, I have a question!" -Me



Brianna Obrenski
"Were all mad here." -Cheshire Cat



Cassandra Ooms
"I don't know where I'm going from
here, but I promise it won't be
boring." -David Bowie



Chase Oost
"It's still real to me!" - Dave Wills



Tania Ortega
"Dude when life hands you free
nachos, you don't question it!" -Drake
Bell



Morgan Overstreet
"What we see often is only a
fractional part of what it really is"



Santiago Padilla

"It's better to be hated for who you are than loved for who you're not."



Haleigh Palmer



Shanan Patrick

"Who cares?"



Kyle Patton



Nathaniel Pettit



Eric Philbrook

"No, I'm Dirty Dan!- Spongebob Squarepants



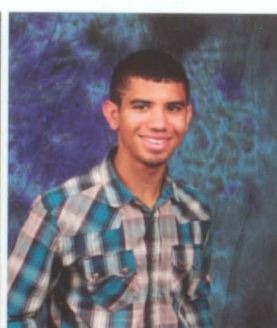
Abigail Phillips

"Live for today."



Annelise Phillips

"For a dreamer, night's the only time of day" - "Newsies"



Nicholas Phillips

"Time is Precious... Waste it Wisely."



Rebecca Piepenbrink

"Why so serious?"



Samantha Piepenbrink

"That was totally wicked!" -"The Incredibles"



Autumn Pierce



Rebecca Pinkerton



Vronika Porter

"Success is a journey, not a destination."



Tyler Pritt

"It isn't what you do, but how you do it." - John Wooden



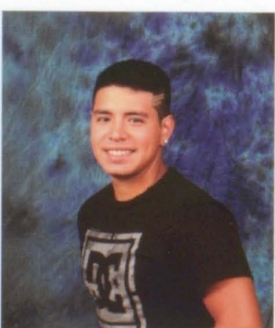
Re Aunna Puskac

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." -Mahatma Gandhi



Robert Ragsdale

"Too weird to live, Too rare to die."



Jose Ramos

"I can turn 10 into 20 chickens" - Stitches



Ryan Rans-Arnett

"The pain you feel today will be the strength you feel tomorrow" -Ray Lewis



Corine Rauscher

"Be yourself. Unless you suck. Then be someone else."

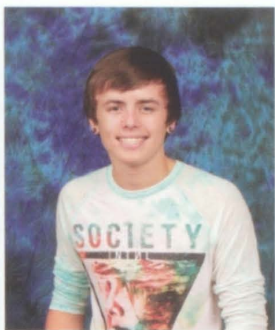


Chase Rector

"The hardest work is put in when forbidden to pursue a dream."



Harli Reno



Cole Rentschler

"I took bros before \$\$\$\$ a little too seriously..."



Aracely Reyes Aguirre

"I look better in person"



Emily Rhoades

"Don't let anyone define your limits because of where you come from."



Jessica Rhoades

"Imagine if one day you woke up and you were a chicken nugget..."



Bailey Richardson

"Can I be excused for the rest of my life?" -Spongebob



Shaylin Riddle

"I don't know what I'm doing, but I know how to do it."



Evelyn Rios

"Make sure you view your life as an adventure, not as a struggle."



Alan Roach



Enrique Rodriguez

"Don't believe everything you hear. Real eyes realize, real lies."



Enrique Rodriguez Giron



Caitlin Roth

"When you leave here, don't forget why you came." -Wiz Khalifa



Ryan Rotkovich

"You never won't know what you can't achieve until you don't achieve it."



Shianna Salyers



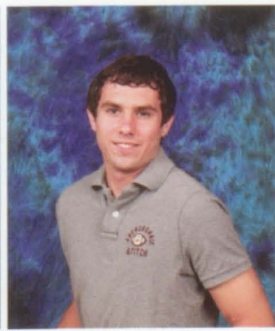
Katie Sanders

"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it." -William Ward



Paige Sanders

"They're just peanut butter and jealous."



Beau Sarosy

"A bend in the road is not the end of the road ...unless you fail to make the turn." -Unknown

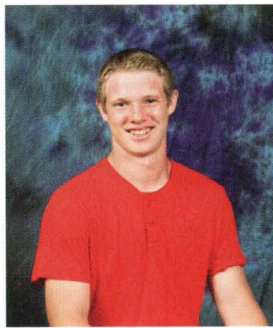


Adam Sayers

"Cause you're only given a little spark of madness, and if you lose that, you're nothing." -Robin Williams

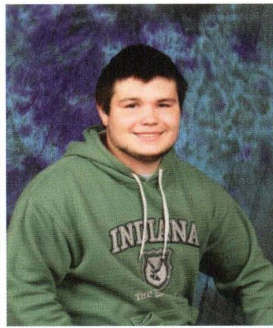


Justin Scally



Koy Schmidt

"We all have secrets! The ones we keep...and the ones that are kept from us."



Chance Schofield



Kendall Schultz

"What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."



Lindsay Seaman



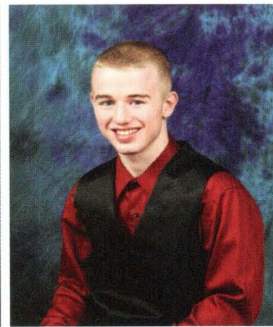
D'Anna Sears

"Do not take life too seriously; you'll never get out alive." -Elbert Hubbard



Mykenzie Seegers

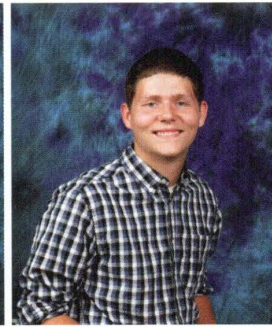
"If you can't make it good, at least make it look good."



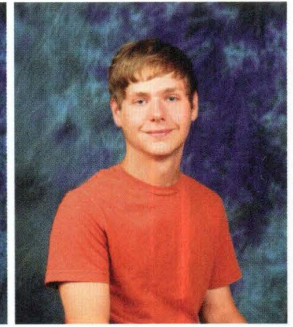
Dylan Seitzinger



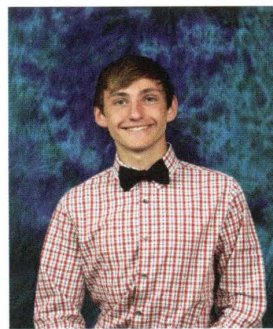
Gracie Setlak



Joshua Shearer

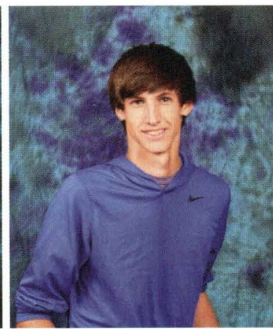


Jeremy Shearer



Jacob Shebesh

"Never put off the fun till tomorrow you can have today" -Aldous Huxely

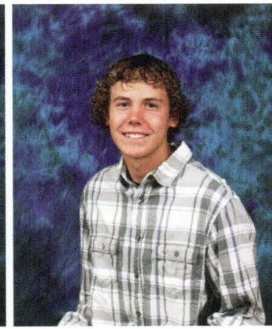


Ethan Shindle

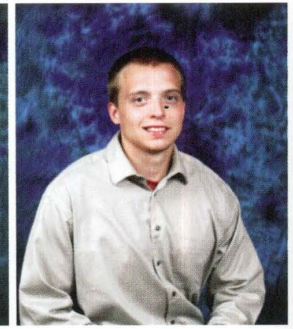
"You can catch flies with honey, but you catch more honeys being fly."



Chase Sizemore



Cooper Smith

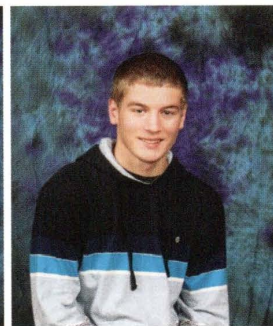


Joshua Smith



Paige Smith

"You were born an original, don't die a copy."



Zachary Smith

"Jet fuel can't melt steel beams."



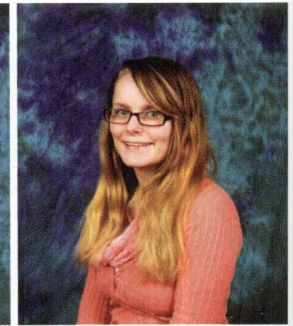
Jessica Smundin

"That's so four-score and seven years ago" -Hipster Abe Lincon



Michael Sokol

"Keep on keepin' on" -Joe Dirt



Sandra Sondag

"Book lovers never go to bed lonely."



Monica Sprouse
"For the last time, no, I'm not Amish!"



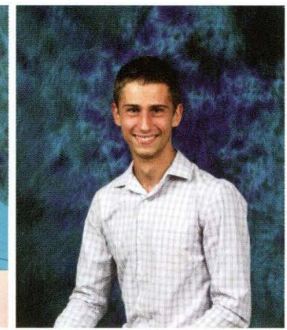
Nathan Stall
"Enjoy the little detours in life to the fullest."



Mariah Stanley
"If idiots could fly, this place would be an airport."



Natalie Stanton
"You have to keep moving forward."



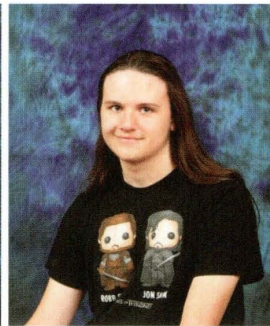
Jacob Stemper
"A man who thinks below the belt is not efficient." -General John Pershing



Mia Stevens
"How can hip hop die if Wu Tang lives forever?"



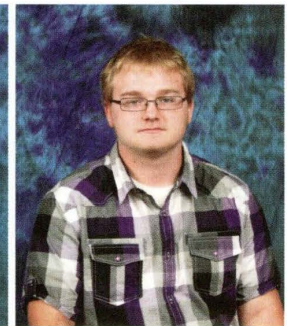
Melissa Stowers
"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."



Tyler Stromatt



Victoria Strong
"Be who you are, those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind."



Warren Swinford
"Nothing is wrong with a little snooze." -Warren Swinford



Hannah Taylor
"In life you only regret the chances you didn't take."



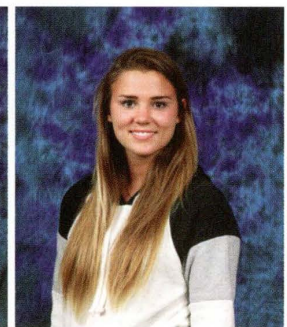
Linnea Thunborg
"I don't even go here"



David VanderWall



Lauren VanderWall
"Forget what's gone, appreciate what remains, and look forward to what's coming next."



Sophia VanKeppel



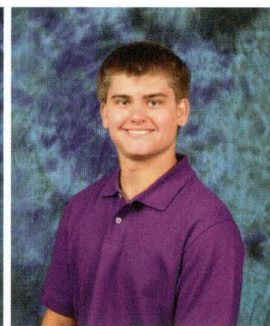
Megan VanVleet
"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot."



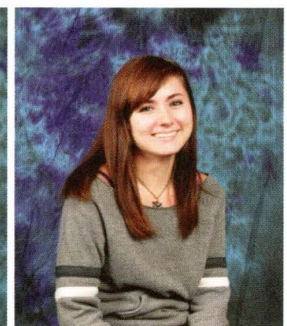
Tyler Vavercan



Paige Vespo



Eric Vorst
"Kites rise highest against the wind - not with it." Winston Churchill



Sadie Voyles
"Live fast, take chances."



Jalyn West
 "... I can't help it that I'm so popular"-Gretchen Weiners



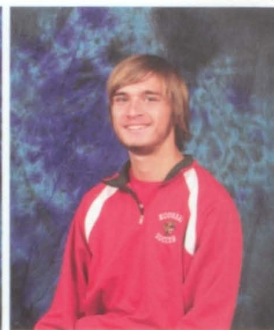
Joshua Whitaker



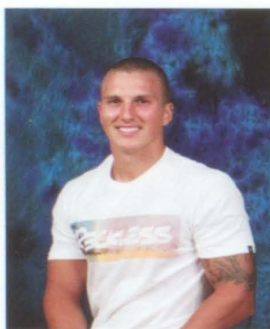
Chelsea White
 "No matter what comes your way, you'll make it through everything."



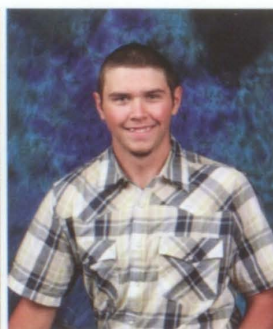
Bailey Williams



Clay Williams
 "So, whatever I write here goes in the yearbook?"



John Williams



Zachary Williams
 "You get to decide the legacy that you leave behind."



Tyler Wilson
 "You guys are so unhip it's a wonder your bums don't fall off." -Zaphod Beeblebrox



Michayla Winn
 "Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."



Zachary Witkowski
 "Listen, smile, agree, then do whatever you were doing anyway." - Robert Downey Jr.



Michael Witvoet



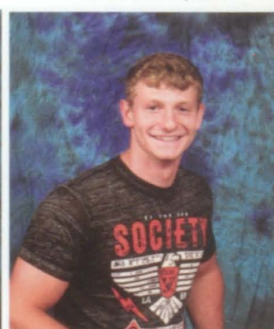
Megan Wolf
 "Remember, the force will be with you always."-Obi Wan Kenobi



Katherine Woolever
 "If it doesn't challenge you it won't change you."



Kaitlyn Wrezinski
 "I don't want that to go away. I don't want to forget. -Dory



Tyler Wright



Victoria Wyrobek
 "Stand up for something and love yourself." -My Mom & Dad



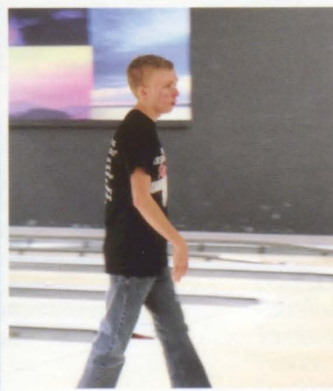
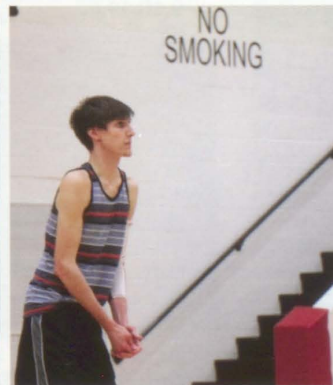
Heather Yates
 "This is your life and it's ending one minute at a time."



Rikki Young
 "I'm outtie 5,000"

Not Pictured:

David Bohannon	Kristina McKinney
Joseph Busse	Kyle Patton
Richard Chase	Justin Perry
Belanah Chavez	Randa Prentice
Trevor Dahlgren	Robert Price
Gregory Driscoll	Ciara Ramos
Jesse Gibson	Christopher Reed
Ise Gomez	Samantha Schultz
Jamal Green-Moore	Henry Shelby
Otyvia Guerrero	Derrick Shultz
Jeffrey Hagan	Jessica Soderlund
Tatyana Hemphill	Jesse Lee Vosholler
Matthew Hennin	REbecca Whirley
Brandon Holt	Shanna Whitaker
Rebecca Lewis	Brayton Witham
Samantha Lopez	



Senior Activities

Carley Abel:

Choir: 9,10,11,12
Criminal Justice: 12
Kolorgaurd: 9,10,11,12
Wintergaurd: 9,10

Corissa Abell:

Art: 9
Class Officer:
9,10,11,12
Crochet: 11,12
(Founder)
FFA: 12
Foreign Language: 10
Homecoming Court: 11
Prom Court: 11
Pathfinders: 10,11
SADD: 9,10
St. Council: 9,10,11,12
Youth Alive: 9,10,11
Cheerleading: 10,11,12
Powderpuff: 9

Nicholas Acevez:

Football: 9,10,11,12
Track: 10,11

Rhenz Almira:

Soccer: 9,10,11,12
Track: 9,12

Paige Asbridge:

BPA: 12
Choir: 9,10,11,12
Freshmen Mentors: 11
NHS: 11,12
Super Bowl: 9,10
Cheerleading: 10
Tennis: 10

Jared Ast:

Computer: 10,11,12
Orchestra: 10,11,12

Callie Baird:

FFA: 9,10
Football Manager: 11
Powderpuff: 10,11
Volleyball: 9
Wrestling Manager:
9,10,11,12

Kyle Banaszak:

Computer: 11,12
FCCLA: 11,12
Fr. Mentors: 11,12
NHS: 11,12
Pioneerz: 11,12
Robotics: 11,12
St. Council: 10,11,12
Table Tennis: 12
Tennis: 9,10,11,12
Track: 10

Brittani Barbee:

Health Occ.: 12

Brittney

Bartholomew:

Book: 11,12
Drama: 11,12
Freshmen Mentors: 11
Foreign Language: 11
Orchestra: 9,10,11,12
Pathfinders: 10

Julie Becker:

Art: 10,11
Crochet: 11
Soccer: 9,10,11,12
Cody Bell:
Best Buddies: 11,12
Unified Tack: 12



Tara Beere:

Super Senior: 12
A. Decathalon: 11,12
Best Buddies:
9,10,11,12
(Co-founder)
Class Officer: 11
Concet Band: 11,12
FEA: 9,10,11,12
Fr. Mentors: 11,12
Homecoming Court:
12 (Queen)
Marching Band:
9,11,12
NHS: 11,12
Orchestra: 9,10,11,12
Student Council: 9,10
Super Bowl: 12
Golf: 9,10,11,12
Unified Track
Mgr: 11,12
(Co-founder)

David Berndt:

Art: 9
Computer: 11,12
Pioneerz: 10,11,12
Robotics: 11,12
Tennis: 12
Track: 9,10



Kathryn Birky:

Super Senior: 12
Art: 10,11,12
Freshmen Mentors:
11,12
Health Occupations:
12
SADD: 10,11,12
Student Council: 10
Powder Puff: 9,10
Softball: 9,10

Kaitlyn Boomsma:

Choir: 9,10,11,12
Criminal Justice: 12
Manufactruing: 11,12
SADD: 10,11
Basketball: 9,10
Softball: 9,10,11,12
Volleyball: 9,10,11,12
Amy Brennan:
Art: 10,11
Choir: 10
Enviromental: 10,11
FFA: 9

Ryan Buck:

Concert
Band: 9,10,11,12
Enviromental:
10,11,12
Freshmen Mentors:
11,12
Homecoming Court:
11
Marching Band:
9,10,11,12
Prom Court: 11
Track: 12

Travis Butler:

Criminal Justice: 12

Dylan Caldwell:

Baseball: 9,10,12
Basketball: 9,10,11,12

Marissa Call:

Art: 11
Health Occupations:
12
Softball: 10
Volleyball: 9,10,11,12

Ashleigh

Camarillo:

FCCLA: 11

Lauren Cambe:

BPA: 12
Radio/T.V.
Broadcasting: 12
Powder Puff: 10,11,12
Softball: 9,10,11,12
Sintia Carrera:
Criminal Justice: 12
Freshmen Mentors:
11,12
Powder Puff: 10,11,12



Nicole Cardaras:

Super Senior: 12
Best Buddies:
10,11,12
Concert Band:
9,10,11,12
Drama: 11,12
FEA: 10,11,12
Freahmen Mentors:
11,12
Foreign Language: 11
Improv: 11,12
Jazz Band: 9,10,11,12
Marching Band:
9,10,11,12
NHS: 11,12
Orchestra: 9,10,11,12
Pathfinders: 12

Haylie Chapman:

Art: 9
Concert Band:
9,10,11,12
Marching Band:
10,11,12
Track: 10,11,12
Cassandra
Cleveland:
Art: 12
Crochet: 10
FCA: 9,10
Freshmen Mentors: 12
Health Occupations:
12
SADD: 9,10,11,12
Basketball: 9,10,
Manager 11,12
Soccer: 9,10, Manager
11
Track: 9

Malia Comia:

BPA: 12
SADD: 10,11
Powder Puff:
9,10,11,12

Hannah Dancer:

Art: 10,11
Crochet: 11,12
Freshmen Mentors:
11,12
Health Occupations:
12
SADD: 10,11,12
Student Council: 10,11
Powder Puff: 10,11,12
Wrestling Manager:
9,10

Hunter DeHaan:

Computer: 12
Enviromental: 10,12
FCA: 12
Robotics: 12
SADD: 10
Tennis: 10,11,12

Taylor Dekock:

Concert Band:
9,10,11,12
Drama: 11,12
Freshmen Mentors: 11
Marching Band:
9,10,11,12
Student Council: 10,11

Kyle Delinsky:

Computer: 11,12



Mackenzie De Mars:

Super Senior: 12
Class Officer: 12
FCA: 11,12
Freshmen Mentors:
11,12
NHS: 11,12
Robotics: 12
Pathfinders: 10,11,12
SADD: 11,12
Soccer: 9,10,11,12
Track: 10,11

Ryan De Mars:

Choir: 9
 Drama: 10,11,12
 Homecoming Court: 12
 Improv: 10,11,12
 NHS: 11,12
 Swimming: 9,10,11,12

Jacob Desimini:

Baseball: 9
 Football: 9,10,11,12

Jordon Dittrich:

Art: 9,10
 FCCLA: 11,12
 Swimming: 9,10,12

Kaitlyn Dock:

Concert Band:
 9,10,11,12
 FEA: 11
 Jazz Band: 10
 Marching Band: 9,10
 Pathfinders: 10
 Youth Alive: 10
 Powder Puff: 9

Savannah Dugan:

Health Occ.: 12
 Powder Puff:
 9,10,11,12
 Soccer Manager:
 10,11,12

Justin Edwards:**Computer:**

10,11,12
 NHS: 11,12
 Robotics: 11,12
 Cross Country:
 10,11,12
 Swimming: 9,10,11,12
 Track: 9,10,11,12

Calvin**Eenigenburg:**

Manufacturing: 11,12

Kaylee Engstrom:

Best Buddies: 11,12
 Crochet: 11
 FCCLA: 12
 Freshmen Mentors:
 11,12
 Newspaper: 11,12
 Cheerleading: 10
 Powder Puff: 10,11
 Soccer Manager:
 10,11,12
 Tennis: 9,10,12

Caitlin Ervin:

Art: 12
 Criminal Justice: 12

**Madalyn Fiscus:**

Super Senior: 12
 Freshmen Mentors:
 11,12
 Newspaper: 9
 Student Council: 11,12
 Cheerleading: 9,10
 Powder Puff: 11,12

Keith Fitzpatrick:

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 Freshmen Mentors:
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 Robotics: 11,12

Mariah Fletcher:

FCCLA: 11,12
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Zach Fox:

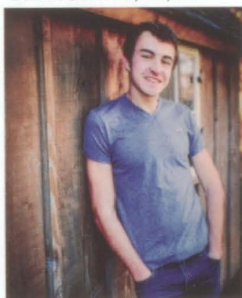
Baseball: 9,10,11,12
 Basketball: 9,10
 Football: 9,12

Emily Franzen:

Criminal Justice: 12
 BPA: 12
 Environmental: 12

Steven**Ganzeveld:**

Baseball: 9,10,12
 Basketball: 9,10,11

**Bryce Gawronski:**

Super Senior: 12
 Class Officer: 9,10
 Freshmen Mentors: 11
 NHS: 11,12
 Pioneerz: 9,10,11,12
 Cross Country:
 9,10,11,12
 Track: 9,10,11

Amanda**Grevenstuk:**

Art: 9,10,11
 Book: 9
 Concert Band:
 9,10,11,12
 Drama: 9,10,11,12
 Marching Band: 9,10,11
 Pathfinders: 10
 Student Council:
 10,11,12

Mackenzie Glenn:

Art: 10
 Best Buddies: 10
 Dance: 9,10,11
 Drama: 11,12
 Freshmen Mentors:
 11,12
 Baseball Manager: 11

Ilse Gomez:

Criminal Justice: 12
Mari Gomez-Zaragoza:
 Book: 11
 Class Officer: 11
 Health Occupations: 12
 Prom Court: 11
 Powder Puff: 12

Alexis Gonzalez:

Art: 11
 Powder Puff: 11

Elijah Goodman:

Newspaper: 11,12

Kara Gouwens:

Best Buddies: 10
 Computer: 12
 FCA: 11,12
 Freshmen Mentors:
 11,12
 NHS: 11,12
 Robotics: 11,12
 Basketball: 9,10,11
 Soccer: 9,10,11,12
 Swimming: 12
 Track: 9,10,11,12

Kayla Gustafson:

Drama: 10,11,12
 Homecoming Court:
 12
 Improv: 10,11,12
 Kolorgaurd: 9,10,11,12
 Orchestra: 9,10,11,12
 Winterguard: 9,10,11
Garrett Hartman:
 Book: 10
 Computer: 11
 Engineering: 11
 Freshmen Mentors: 11
 Foreign Language:
 11,12

Chloe Hamstra:

Best Buddies: 9,10,11
 Environmental: 9
 Football Manager: 11
 Powder Puff: 10,11
 Track: 9
 Volleyball: 9
 Wrestling Manager:
 9,10,11

Hanna Helton:

Freshmen Mentors:
 11,12
 Foreign Language: 10
 Homecoming Court: 9
 Student Council:
 9,10,11,12
 Basketball: 9
 Volleyball: 9,10

Erin Hennin:

Health Occupations: 12
 Powder Puff: 9

Delaney**Hershman:**

Fr. Mentors: 11,12
 St. Council: 10,11,12
 Powder Puff: 11,12
 Tennis: 9,10,11,12
 Volleyball: 9,10

Lindsay Holley:

Book: 9,10
 Improv: 11,12
 Orchestra: 9,10,11,12
 Student Council: 12

Brandon Holms:

Marching Band:
 9,11,12
 Heather Jaki:
 Best Buddies: 11
 Choir: 9,10,11
 Computer: 11,12
 Pathfinders: 11
 Soccer: 9,10,11,12
 Track: 9,10,11

Craig Jenkins:

Baseball: 9,12

Track: 11**Savannah****Johnson:**

Art: 9,10,11,12
 Broadcasting: 12
 FCCLA: 12
 FEA: 11
 FFA: 9
 Foreign Language: 9
 Pathfinders:
 9,10,11,12
 Youth Alive: 9
 Powder Puff:
 9,10,11,12
 Swimming: 9

**Kaitlyn Jones:**

Super Senior: 12
 Freshmen Mentors:
 11,12
 NHS: 11,12
 Basketball: 9
 Softball: 9,10,11
 Volleyball: 9,10,11,12
Katherine Jones:
 Best Buddies: 9
 Environmental: 11,12
 FEA: 9,10
 Pathfinders: 9
 Youth Alive: 9,10

Samantha Jones:

Health Occ.: 12
 Freshmen Mentors: 11
 Pwdr Puff: 9,10,11,12
 Softball: 9,10,11,12

Serena Ketchum:

Choir: 10
 Drama: 10
 Environmental:
 9,10,11,12

Logan Kidwell:

Wrestling: 9,10,11,12

Christopher**Kieres:**

Computer: 11
 Environmental: 12

**Madeline Klauer:**

Super Senior: 12

Alan Klemp:

FFA: 9,10,11,12
 Homecoming Court:
 11

NHS: 11,12

Student Council: 12

Neal Klingaman:

Basketball: 10,11

Matt Kralik:

BPA: 12
 Basketball: 9,10,11,12

Josh Krupchak:

Improv: 10,11,12

Katie Leach:

Art: 10
 Book: 12
 Drama: 11,12
 Freshmen Mentors: 12
 Foreign Language: 12
 Improv: 11,12
 Orchestra: 9,10,11,12

Paige Maki:

Student Council:
 9,10,11,12
 Powder Puff:
 9,10,11,12
 Softball: 9

Alex Martakis:

Art: 11,12
 Best Buddies: 11,12
 Jazz Band: 11
 NHS: 11,12
 Robotics: 11,12
 Pathfinders: 11
 Student Council: 11,12
 Tennis: 11,12
 Track: 10

Jazzmond Mayz:

Soccer: 9,10,11

Keith McGing:

FFA: 9,10,11,12

Manufacturing: 11

Heather Meeks:

Manufacturing: 12

Powder Puff:

9,10,11,12

Jenna Meeks:

Powder Puff:

9,10,11,12

**Emmett Meiss:**

Super Seniors: 12

Art: 11,12

FCA: 11

Freshmen Mentors:

11,12

NHS: 11,12

Pathfinders: 11,12

Basketball: 9

Cross Country: 12

Swimming: 10,11,12

Track: 9,10,11,12

Riley Misch:

Baseball: 9,10,11,12

Football: 9,11,12

Jacob Murray:

Computer: 10,11,12

Jenna Musall:

BPA: 12

Basketball: 9,10,11,12

Powder Puff: 9,10,11,12

Softball: 9

Track: 10,11

**Cassandra Ooms:**

Super Senior: 12

Choir: 9,10,11,12

Class Officer: 10,11,12

Concert Band:

9,10,11,12

Drama: 9,10,11,12

Improv: 9,10,11,12

Jazz Band: 9,10

Marching Band:

9,10,11,12

NHS: 11,12

Tania Ortega:

Art: 9,10,11,12

Orchestra: 9,10,11

**Morgan Overstreet:**

Super Senior: 12

Best Buddies: 9,10,11

Concert Band:

9,10,11,12

Freshmen Mentors:

11,12

Foreign Language:

10,11,12

Marching Band:

9,10,11,12

NHS: 11,12

Student Council: 9,10

Winterguard: 11,12

Golf: 9,10,11,12

Swimming: 9

Santiago Padilla:

Computer: 11,12

Shanan Patrick:

Crochet: 10

Health Occupations: 12

SADD: 12

Basketball: 9,10

Golf: 9,10,11,12

Track: 9,10,11,12

**Kyle Patton:**

Super Senior: 12

Choir: 12

Concert Band:

9,10,11,12

Jazz Band: 10,11,12

Marching Band:

9,10,11,12

NHS: 11,12

Basketball: 9

Eric Philbrook:

Football: 9,10,11,12

Track: 9,10,11,12

Wrestling: 9

Abigail Phillips:

Choir: 9,10,11,12

FCCLA: 11,12

Pathfinders: 9,10,11,12

**Annelise Phillips:**

Super Senior: 12

Choir: 10,11,12

Concert Band: 9,10,11

Drama: 9,10,11,12

Freshmen Mentors: 11

Improv: 10,11,12

Jazz Band: 9

Marching Band:

9,10,11,12

Prom Court: 11

Pathfinders:

9,10,11,12

Student Council: 9,10

Youth Alive: 11

Track: 9

Nicholas Phillips:

Wrestling: 11,12

Samantha**Piepenbrink:**

Choir: 10,11

Health Occ: 12

Kolorgaurd: 11,12

Winterguard: 11,12

Powder Puff: 10,11

Soccer: 9

Rebecca**Piepenbrink:**

Concert Band:

9,10,11,12

FCCLA: 12

Jazz Band: 10,11,12

Marching Band:

9,10,11,12

Student Council: 9

**Vronika Porter:**

Super Senior: 12

Freshmen Mentors:

11,12

NHS: 11,12

Student Council: 12

Powder Puff:

10,11,12

Tyler Pritt:

Freshmen Mentors: 11

Newspaper: 10

Yearbook: 9

Cheerleading: 9,10,11,

12

Football: 9, 10,11,12

Re Aunna Puskac:

Softball: 12

Robert Ragsdale:

FCCLA: 11,12

Improv: 10,11,12

Jose Ramos:

Improv: 11,12

Prom Court: 11

Soccer: 9,10,11

Ryan Rans- Arnett:

Engineering: 10

Criminal Justice: 12

Football: 12

Corine Rauscher:

Criminal Justice: 12

FFA: 9

Powder Puff: 9,10,11,12

Alan Roach:

Book: 11

Computer: 11,12

Foreign Language: 10

Chase Rector:

Computer: 10,11,12

Baseball: 9,12

Student Council:

9,10,11,12

Cheerleading:

10,11,12

Golf: 9

Shaylin Riddle:

FCCLA: 12

Cole Rentschler:

BPA: 12

Broadcasting: 12

Cheerleading: 9,10

Harli Reno:

Art: 9,10,11,12

Aracely Reyes:

Best Buddies: 12

Choir: 9,10,11,12

Emily Rhoades:

Book: 9,10,11,12

Concert Band: 9,10,11

Marching Band: 9,10

Science: 12

Jessi Rhoades:

Freshmen Mentors: 11

Softball: 9

Volleyball: 9,10,11,12

Bailey Richardson:

Best Buddies: 10,11

Choir: 9,10,11,12

FCCLA: 12

Student Council:

9,10,11,12

Cheerleading:

10,11,12

Golf: 9

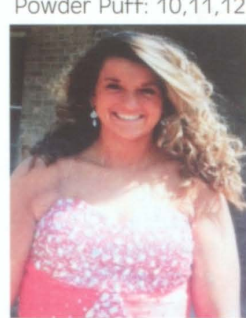
Evelyn Rios:

Best Buddies: 10

FFA: 9

Cheerleading: 9

Powder Puff: 10,11,12

**Caitlin Roth:**

Super Senior: 12

Crochet: 11,12

FFA: 9

Freshmen Mentors:

11,12

SADD: 11,12

Powder Puff: 9,10

Swimming: 9,10

Ryan Rotkovich:

Criminal Justice: 12

Katie Sanders:

Book: 9,10

FEA: 9,10,11,12

Freshmen Mentors:

12

Golf: 9,10,11,12

Swimming: 9,11,12

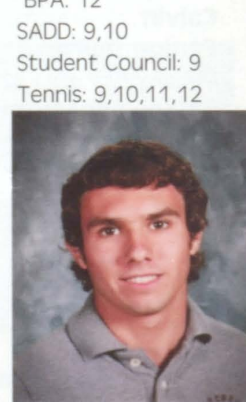
Paige Sanders:

BPA: 12

SADD: 9,10

Student Council: 9

Tennis: 9,10,11,12

**Beau Serosy:**

Super Senior: 12

Best Buddies:

10,11,12

Freshmen Mentors:

11,12

NHS: 11,12

Student Council: 10,11

Football: 9

Koy Schmidt:

Engineering: 10,11,12
 Freshmen Mentors: 12
 Student Council:
 10,11,12
 Youth Alive: 12
 Baseball: 9
 Football: 9,10,11,12
 Wrestling: 9,10,11,12

Kendall Schultz:

Art: 10
 Crochet: 11
 Freshmen Mentors:
 11,12
 Health Occupations:
 12
 NHS: 11,12
 SADD: 10,11,12
 Student Council: 10
 Powder Puff:
 9,10,11,12
 Track: 11

Danna Sears:

Choir: 11,12
 Environmental: 11,12
 Winterguard: 11,12
 Powder Puff: 10

Mykenzie**Seegers:**

SADD: 10
 Basketball: 9,10
 Powder Puff:
 9,10,11,12
 Track: 9,10,11,12

**Jacob Shebesh:**

Super Senior: 12
 Computer: 11,12
 Concert Band:
 9,10,11,12
 Drama: 11,12
 Engineering: 11,12
 Jazz Band: 10,11,12
 Marching Band:
 9,10,11,12
 NHS: 11,12
 Robotics: 11,12
 Student Council: 9

Ethan Shindle:

Soccer: 9,10,11,12

Zach Smith:

Environmental: 12
 Robotics: 11
 Baseball: 9,10
 Football: 9
 Wrestling: 11

Monica Sprouse:

Art: 10
 Best Buddies: 10
 Foreign Language:
 10,11
 Homecoming Court:
 12
 Pathfinders: 10,11,12
 Student Council:
 10,11,12
 Powder Puff: 9,10,11

Nathan Stall:

Computer: 10,11,12

Jacob Stemper:

Class Officer: 12
 Homecoming Court:
 12
 Orchestra: 9,10,11,12
 Pioneerz: 9,10,11,12
 Cross Country:
 9,10,11,12
 Golf: 9
 Track: 10,11,12

Jessica Smundin:

Choir: 9,10,11,12
 NHS: 11,12
 Super Bowl: 10,11,12
 Soccer: 9
 Tennis: 10,11
 Michael Sokol:
 Baseball: 9,10
 Golf: 11,12

Mariah Stanley:

Art: 9
 Best Buddies: 12
 Freshmen Mentors: 12
 Health Occupations:
 12
 Student Council: 10
 Soccer Manager:
 11,12

Mia Stevens:

Best Buddies: 9
 BPA: 12
 Broadcasting: 12
 Newspaper: 9
 Cheerleading: 9,10
 Powder Puff:
 10,11,12

Tyler Stromatt:

Computer: 10,11,12

Warren Swinford:

Football: 9,10,11

Adam Sayers:

Art: 11
 Computer: 12
 FCA: 11,12
 Freshmen Mentors:
 11,12
 Homecoming Court:
 12
 Pathfinders: 9,10
 Basketball: 9
 Tennis: 10,11,12
 Track: 9,10,11

**Melissa Stowers:**

Super Senior: 12
 Art: 10,11,12
 Crochet: 11,12
 FFA: 10,11,12
 NHS: 11,12

Victoria Strong:

Art: 9
 Best Buddies:
 10,11,12
 Concert Band: 9,10
 Health Occupations:
 12
 Student Council: 10
 Powder Puff:
 9,10,11,12
 Swimming: 12

Hannah Taylor:

Dance: 9,10

Linnea Thunborg:

Foreign Exchange
 Student: 12
 Foreign Language: 12

Megan VanVleet:

Class Officer: 9
 Health Occupations:
 12
 Student Council: 9,10

Lauren**VanderWall:**

Crochet: 11
 Environmental: 9
 FFA: 9,10,11,12
 Freshmen Mentors:
 11,12
 Basketball: 9,10,12
 Cross Country: 11
 Powder Puff: 12
 Soccer: 9,10

**Eric Vorst:**

Super Senior: 12
 Concert Band:
 9,10,11,12
 Drama: 10,11,12
 Freshmen Mentors:
 12

Jazz Band: 9,10

Marching Band:

9,10,11,12

NHS: 11,12

Golf: 9,10,11,12

Sadie Voyles:

Manufacturing:
 10,11,12

Jalyn West:

Powder Puff: 12

Clay Williams:

Foreign Language:
 11,12

Soccer: 9,10,11,12

Track: 10,11,12

Zachary Williams:

FFA: 9,10,11,12

Tyler Wilson:

Computer: 11

Concert Band:

9,10,11,12

Jazz Band: 9

Manufacturing: 12

Marching Band:

9,10,11,12

Robotics: 11

Zack Withowski:

Computer: 11,12

Concert Band:

9,10,11,12

Freshmen Mentors:

11,12

Jazz Band: 10,11,12

Marching Band:

9,10,11,12

NHS: 11,12

Robotics: 11,12

Megan Wolf:

Art: 9

Choir: 9,10,11

Environmental:

9,10,11,12

**Katherine****Woolever:**

Super Senior: 12
 Academic Decathlon:
 11,12
 Art: 9,10,11,12
 Book: 9
 Best Buddies:
 10,11,12
 Concert Band:
 9,10,11,12
 Crochet: 11
 Jazz Band: 10,11,12
 Marching Band:
 9,10,11,12
 Super Bowl: 11,12
 Golf: 9,10,11,12
 Swimming Manager: 9

**Kaitlyn Wrezinski:**

Super Senior: 12
 Best Buddies:
 9,10,11,12
 (Co-founder)
 Concert Band: 12
 FEA: 10,11,12
 Freshmen Mentors: 12
 Foreign Language:
 10,11,12
 Marching Band:
 10,11,12
 NHS: 11,12
 Orchestra: 9,10,11,12
 Student Council: 9
 Unified Track: 11,12

Victoria Wyrobek:

Choir: 9, 10, 11,12
 Powder Puff: 10,11,12

Heather Yates:

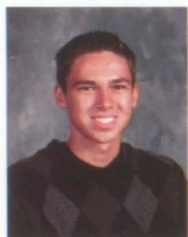
FFA: 9,10,11,12
 Softball: 9,10,11,12

Rikki Young:

Art: 10,11
 BPA: 12
 Crochet: 11
 NHS: 11,12
 Prom Court: 11
 SADD: 10,11
 Student Council: 10,11
 Soccer: 9,10,11,12
 Tennis: 10,11,12

Juniors

From being Superfans on Monday to ending the week with Rocking Red Friday, juniors showed they had the most spirit by winning the spirit stick. This was their first year to win and the class of 2016 was proud of their efforts. "I was pretty shocked when they announced that the we had won. I didn't think we would, but I'm proud to say that I am glad to be part of the 2016 class," Gabriela Zaragoza said. One of the high points of the week was the dance routine. Students that participated in the lip sync wanted to make their routine one of a kind, so they danced to a mix of 80's and 90's music like "Footloose" and "Greased Lightning." "We tried really hard to make our routine different compared to how it had been previously. We practiced during SRT, before school, and even after school a few times. Although we only practiced for two weeks, we gave it our best" Alyssa Serviss said. In the end, juniors felt it the work on dressing up and the Lip Sync was worth all the hard work because it helped them become the best class that they could be.



Austin Abbring



Emma Abbring



Logan Abbring



Anthony Aguillon



Hunter Ahrendt



Haley Ammon



Alexandria Anderson



Jack Anderson



Samuel Anderson



Stephen Anderson



Nicholas Arnold



Lili Lyn Augustyn



Haley Ayres



Brikeyla Babe



Taylor Bacewic



Russel Baize



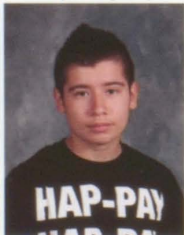
Evan Balboa



Emilie Bassett



Kylie Becker



Brian Bello



Max Berndt



Joshua Bliss



Peyton Bobby



Jason Bobo



Paul Bogdan



Ryan Bohannon



Victoria Boyer



Krystal Brei



Alexandra Brizek



Kyle Brown



Daniel Brownfield



Chloe Buchanan

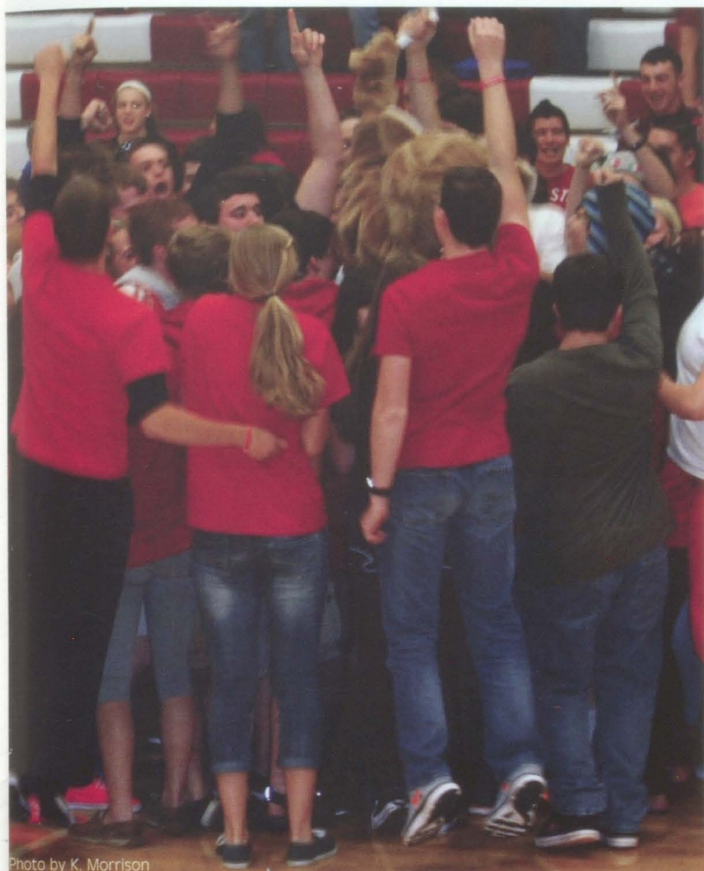


Photo by K. Morrison

Raising their fists in excitement, the class of 2016 celebrates the win for the spirit stick. The juniors rushed the floor at the announcement to congratulate each other.

Class President Hunter Arhent, Vice President Abby Tinkel, Secretary Brianna Zimmerman, and Treasure Haley look out into their future at Kankakee Valley.



Photo by C. Martinez



Hannahmae Buckmaster



Cameron Budreau



Quinton Bulthuis



Brian Burk



Austin Bushore



Sydney Capouch



Andrew Carter



Brandon Cochran



Natalie Coldiron



Allen Collmar



Austin Collmar



Brian Cooper



Leeanna Cooper-Windsor



Gavin Coppage



Haley Cox



Jesse Craft



Robert Cresap



Andi Cunanan



Alton Curry



Michael Curtis



Eric Davis



Nicholas Deering



Victoria DeKock



Wyatt DeKock



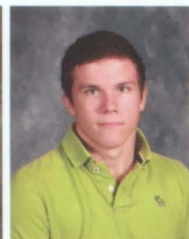
Celina DeVries



Brandon Drenth



Nicole Drinski



Jacob Drwal



Gabrielle Dumont



Kathryn Dunham



Sara Dykstra



Rhyker Earl



Sean Eenigenburg



Alyssa Eger



Photo by C. Schofield

Homecoming candidates Trevor Wiesemann and Klara Hausenfleck were voted to represent the juniors on the homecoming court. They were driven up to the Football field by Chevy trucks whose drivers had volunteered to help in the ceremony.



James Elliott



Paige Epley



Brittany Ernst



Zachary Estrada



Autumn Fagenbaum



Brett Fase



Ivy Fase



Kiley Ferris



Kevin Fisher



Kelsey Fleming



Hailey Ford



Taiwan Fox



Nina Freund



Cameron Fritts



Steven Funk



Cal Furgye



Felicia Galusha



Patrick Garcia



Ana Garcia



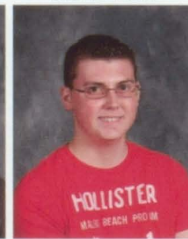
Kreed Gentz



Jeremy Gergely



Dakota Gibbons



Tyler Gideon



Ashley Gidley



Beatris Gomez



Nikolas Gonzalez



Erin Gouwens



Leah Gouwens



Devin Gray



Kayla Groen



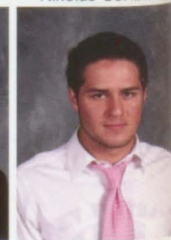
Megan Groen



Cody Gronkiewicz



Nathan Guerrero



Oscar Gutierrez



Taylor Hachlica



Andrew Hamstra



Emily Hamstra



Samuel Hamstra



Alexander Hanewich



Tiffany Hansel



Tabitha Hart



Klara Hausenfleck



Drew Havens



Kyle Hawrot



Ryan Henk



Casey Hennings



Ysenia Hernandez



Chad Hill



Alyssa Hoffman



Brandon Hoffman



Faith Hoffman



Krystal Hoover



Blazedol Howard



Kelsie Howe



Isabel Infante



Abigail Jackson



Angela Jakubowicz



Amber James



Matthew Jenkins



Vanessa Jerzyk



Alexis Johnson



Julia Johnson



Noah Johnson



Kelvin Jones



Jenna Jungels



Brianna Keister



Photo by E. Evans

Junior lip sync preform their outstanding performance at the homecoming pep rally, incorporating the theme "Rock of Ages". They danced to songs form the 80's, making them win Spirit Week.



Sarah Kerkes



Katelynd Kessinger



Tyler Kinney



Hannah Kuhn



Autumn LaCrosse



Gregory Larzelere



Timothy Lawson



Breanne Lessner



Alana Leviner



Khristine Mak



Cynthia Martinez



Jonathan Maynard



Brooke Meadows



Gage Meeks



Jazmyne Mehay



Dalton Milbourn



Samantha Mitchell



Summer Mitchell



Cody Moore



Hunter Moore



Kaitlyn Moore



Austin Morrison



Kathleen Murphy



Kaylie Musall



Mason Myers



Ronald Newton



Tyler Nush



Cheyann Odle



Jair Olguin



Kayla Page



Sean Parchem



Cherise Parker



Joseph Partin



Merisa Patino



Rayann Pavichevich



Araceli Perez



Kayla Petruska



Crystal Podegracz



Emily Poe



Hunter Popp



Kyla Porter



Jordan Powell



Pinja Pulli



Allison Pumnea



Kyle Rae



Destiny Randolph



Ariauna Revercomb



Cole Ribicki



Ezekeil Riffe



Jonathan Roberts



Mariah Robinson



Juliana Rodriguez



Rebecca Ruth



Tuesday Sabol



Ashley Sanders



Alec Sanders-Hankins



Sarah Schaezel



Kendall Schneider



Derek Schurman



Kaitlin Schwartz



Jordan Sculley



Alyssa Serviss



Hannah Sherwood



Nicholas Shivaec



Bryan Sipkema



Judith Smart Shania Sons Zachary Stalhandske Alexander Steinberg Joseph Steinke Jared Stemper Shawn Stephenson Jonathan Stepp



Joshua Suczynski Jessica Sutton Skylar Sutton Justine Swisher Emily Tauber Zachary Templeton Cassandra Tiemens Isaac Tillema



Kaley Tincher Abby Tinkel Samantha Tokarz Breanna Toppen Elizabeth Torbitt William Trosper Linden Urbano Jazmin Valenzuela



Nicholas Valone Jenna VanSoest Alex Villalpando Steven Voyak Jarrett Wade Kaleigh Walden Ashley Walstra Schuyler Walters



Jillian Warner Angela Weaver Joshua Weaver Darrick Webster Hunter Wenglarz Quintin Wenglarz Haylie Wheeler Larry Whitaker



Taylor Whitson Hannah Wielgos Trevor Wiesemann David Williams Dominique Wilson Kelsey Wireman Chad Witt Haley Wotherspoon



Zachary Wrezinski Kevin Wu Jerome Wyrobek Jessica Young Dannae Yozman Gabriela Zaragoza Brianna Zimmerman

Not Pictured:
Maddison Lawrence,
Michelle Madonna,
Jacob Meiss, Joseph
Mendoza, Amanda
Shonk, Carly Shuman,
Anthony Sorge

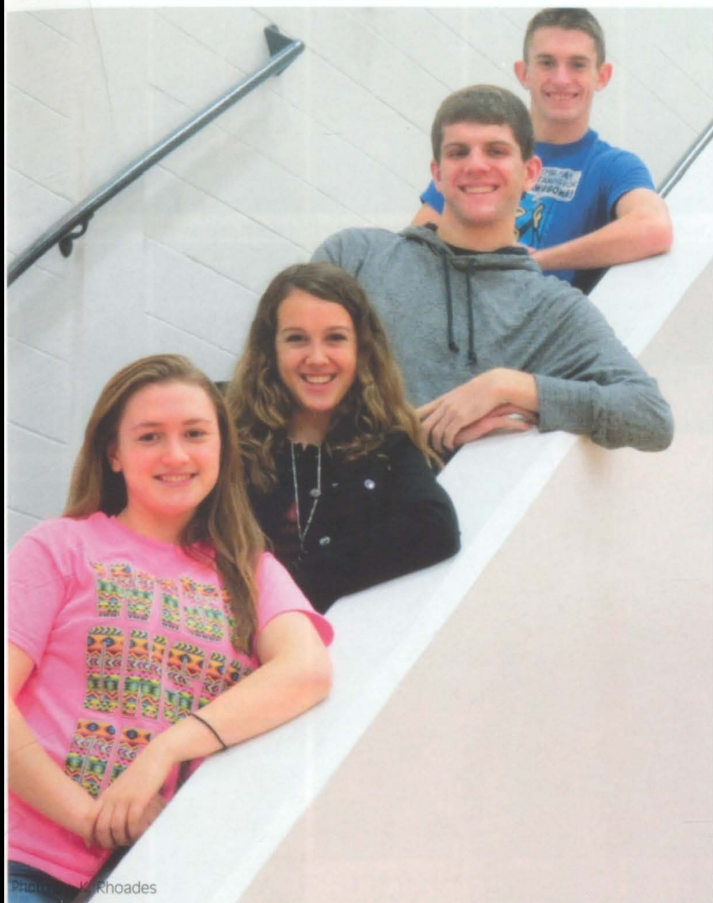
Sophomores

Even though graduation was two years away, the class of 2017 felt a great pressure to pass a number of different tests in order to graduate. In October, the class was encouraged by the state to take the PSAT to help prepare them for the SAT which would follow the following year.

Along with finals, the sophomores have to also worry about the English ECA. In order to graduate, they are required to pass the ECA in May with a combined math and English score of 940. "I feel prepared for the ECA because I've had teachers push me to be ready," said Emma Fase. Everything they did was to prepare for the test. Before everyone left for Christmas break, the English classes started discussing the proper way to write a persuasive essay because the essay portion of the test is worth a lot.

Acuity was another test that the class has to worry about. Throughout the year, anyone who was enrolled in English 10 was required to participate in the test. Although the class of 2017 had a lot of tests to worry about, they knew that this was all leading up to the excitement of graduation.





Sophomore class officers, left to right:
Treasurer Cassandra Abell, Secretary Allison
Schulteis, Vice President Daniel Rockley,
President Bryce Niewoehner

Sophomore Jacob Shevock hurriedly enters
his locker while dressed up in 90 day apparel.
This was a dress up day throughout the week of
homecoming and many people took part in the
festivities.



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Connor Carlson-Burke	Zachary Carroll	Brandon Carter	Haley Carter	Aron Ceglarek	Mason Chorzempa	Colin Clark	Bethany Cochran
Sophia Collard	Jacob Collmar	Julianna Colon	Devon Cornell-Crepeau	Quinn Crim	Noah Croft	Wiley James Curry	Emily Dahm
David Dahn	Dylan Dancer	Reilly Dattilo	Katie-Anne David	Emily Davis	Noah Davis	Rayna DeBoard	Dennis DeHaan
Ashley DeKoster	Pamela Deoyos	Gabrielle DeSimini	Alyssa DeVries	Audrey DeYoung	Phillip Dinga	Madison Dittrich	Ashley Domelle



Drake Dowell



William Ducret



Morgan Dunham



Kyla Dykstra



Faith Edwards



Katlyn Eenigenburg



Katelyn Eger



Cesar Egure



Elizabeth Evans



Kaitlin Ewen



Photo by T. Anderson

During Theater Arts, Taylor Tracy and Breiana Buchanan dance during their second hour performance.



Emma Fase



Connor Fitzpatrick



Bailey Flick



Jessica Fox



Sarah Ganzeveld



Juan Garcia



Michelle Garcia



Lindsay Gard



Tanner Garza



Tristan Garza



Zachery Geesa



Brandon Clusak



Kayla Gluth



Irvin Gomez



Gabriel Gonzalez



Dallas Grace



Amanda Greathouse



Vivian Gregory



Elijah Grigsby



Elena Grove



Mackenzie Gutwein



Payton Gutwein



Payton Hale



Devin Harrington



Cameron Hastings



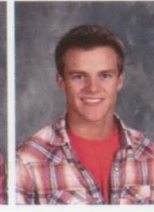
Tyler Hein



Cameron Hemphill



James Hemphill



Quinten Henning



Nautika Hoaks



Lauren Hobson



Jordan Hofferth



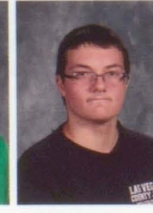
Britney Hoffman



Kacie Hoffman



Codi Holbrook



Damon Hopps



Kelton Howard



Lorraine Howard



Mac Howard



Dalton Howes



Victor Hruz



Dalton Hugar



Declan Isaily



Savannah Jarrette



Isaiah Johns



Jacob Jones



Keegan Jones



Robert Jones



Seth Junglas



Destinee Justice



Kyle Kamminga



Darin Kapella



Brittany Kent



Cody Kerkes



Allison Kerulis



Marcus Kidwell



Mettie King



Cole Kistler



Victoria Klarich



Aaron Klawitter



Abby Klemp



Nolan Kordys



Kostas Kouskousakis



Kristen Krieg



Breanna Krooswyk



Joseph Lay



Hannah Ledman



Brenden Leshner



James Lessner



Jordan Lidster



Autumn Linton



Ezra Liston



Olivia Lolkema



Felipe Lopez Aguilar



Taryn Lynn



Frida Sanchez



Kylie Mann



Andrew Marich



Gavin Marsh



Alyssa Martin



Gabrielle McClain



Brayden McKim



Jessica McLean



Abbigail McMahan



Katherine Miles



Micheal Miller



Alec Misch



Wade Misch



Photo by T. Kingma

Sophomores Junelle Roy and Daniel Monk are driven around the track by a Chevy Silverado donated to the school by Weirs during half-time of the Homecoming game. Both students were voted to represent their class.



Zachary Meeks



Ashley Mekola



Tyler Miller



Grant Mills



Matthew Misner



Megan Mitchell



Daniel Monk



Gunnar Moore



Aries Morales



Garret Morrison



Kaitlin Morrison



Trenton Mowry



Rodney Myers



Robert Nelson



Arthur Newbury



Bryce Niewoehner



Photo by L. Urbano

The Sophomore defensive line prepares for the block at the annual Powder Puff game. The team went on to win for the second year in a row.



Brook Nixon



Madisen Nomanson



Kyle Noonan



Logan Nowak



Shawn Nowell



Ryan Nush



Faith Odle



Marlisa Padilla



Erika Parcel



Ronald Parchem



Justin Patino



Emily Pearson



Valentin Peterson



Julianna Phelps



Jamie Pinkerton



Bryce Polletta



Michael Popp



Ryker Porter



Sandra Potts



Savanna Prater



Sylvia Pritt



Taylor Pyzynski



Joseph Raymond



Rhiannon Redinger



Chad Regina



Hannah Rhoades



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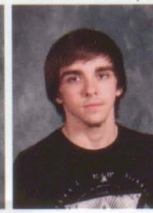
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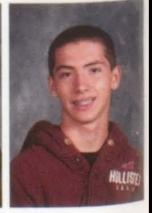
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Kelsey Shelhart



Jacob Shevock



Clayton Shouse



Sidney Shreve



Andrew Silva



Rebecca Sims



Destany Slinker



Brandon Smith



Denver Smith



Erica Smith



Ray Smith



Luke Solomey



Ryan Sorba



Xavier Staniszewski



Emyle Stankovich



Jordan Stanley



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Christopher Thompson



Tyler Tinnel



Theodore Tobias



Allison Tokarz



Taylor Tracy



Sherri Truelock



Bryce Uylaki



Leah Van Keppel



Ashlie VanBlaircom



Bryce Vander Wall



Kailee VanNieulande



Hunter VanSoest



Jessica Vasquez



Natalie Wagner



Benjamin Wall



Blake Walma



Trenton Walstra



Raegan Walther



Stephany Way



Miranda White



Tyler Whitehead



Roy Williams



Alexander Wolf



Austin Wright



Natalie Wright



Nathaniel Wright



Hailee Zander



Kalina Ziemlo



Caleb Zorka

Not Pictured:

Kierra Dahlgren, John Fout, Connor Hendrix, Kylie Jaeger, Brandon Miller

Freshmen

In the fall, the freshmen class began their journey to graduation. Like classes before them, the freshmen came into the school with different expectations. For instance Gavin Tillema, class president, said, "I became a class officer because I thought it would be pretty cool to matter in the school corporation. I ended up becoming president. That's pretty cool." With all the different expectations starting high school was stressful, but one relief was Kougat Kick-Off. Freshmen agreed that without it they would have been completely lost. "It helped me to know which classes were which and where they were. It also made it easier to find my classes the first day of school instead of being nervous about being lost," Ashley Mekola said. The school, though it appeared big and intimidating, became quite simple after just a few days. The uncomfortable and awkward feelings soon wore off. The freshmen made themselves at home and they officially became high schoolers at Kankakee Valley High School.





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Freshman Vanessa Donovan opens her gifts during a student council meeting.

Freshmen Class Officers Payton Richie, Gavin Tillema, Trevor Conley, Crystal Benitez.



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RaeAnna Carter



Mekenzie Cecil



Tymber Ceglarek



Andrew Chalifoux



Kayla Christensen



Annalie Cisar



Yessica Clemente



Jamie Cole



Shayna Coleman



Hayley Collins



Mikayla Collins



Trevor Conley



Brenton Cook



Christopher Cooley



Nathan Cooper



Thomas Curry



Nicholas Dahn



Faith Daniels



Mayra Davila



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Andrew DeHaan



Andrew DeKock



Joseph DeKock



Kilyjah DeKock



Milan Dezelich



Melanie Dobija



Chloe Dobson



Maris Dodge



Tyler Dolniak



Vanessa Donovan



Ashlee Drinski



Mia Dufresne



Wyatt Dukes



Abigail Earle



Photo by N. Smith

Freshmen Haylie Biedron and Jessica Sipkema were chatting with friends as they sat and enjoyed lunch. Where to sit at lunch was always a concern for any KV student, so these two girls are lucky to have each other.



Cameron Edwards



Thomas Edwards



Cami Eenigenburg



Christopher Enriquez



Alyssa Evolga



Eric Farr



Hailey Farr



Charles Fase



Katia Fedor



Francisco Fimbres



Ashley Fisher



Madison Fisher



Abigail Flanagan



Natalie Fox



Matthew Franzen



Coady French



John Gallagher



Jakob Gallion



Chloe Garza



Travis Gawronski



Joshua Gerling



Taylor Gideon



Tylor Gouwens



Ronald Graefen



Hunter Grandchamp



Rylie Gray



Zoesha Gregory



Cody Lee Hagen



Tyler Halik



Erik Hardesty



Cordell Hart



Kara Havens



Taylor Hawrot



Colin Hayes



Keilan Helton



Justin Henk



Kirsten Hentschel



Hannah Herma



Brian Hinson



Haley Hixson



Katelynn Hobson



Bridget Hoffman



Cori Holbrook



Nathan Holm-Hansen



Samantha Homans



Cole Howard



Haley Howard



Nathan Hudecek



Rachel Hunter



Dustin Hurst



Marissa Immerfall



Lane Jackson



Michael Janis



Christian Jarosak



Edwin Jefferson



Brenden Jobson



Christian Johnson



Gene Jones



Jacob Justice



Lileana Justice



Derek Kaluf



Mariah Keown



Zachary Kessinger



Dakota Kingma



Joshua Kistler



Kolby Klauer



Mason Koen-Neese



Katlyn Kohlhausen



Brayden Krsak



KayLee Laib



Dakota Lawley



Steven Lawson



Jason Luedtke



Seth Lyons



Max Maglio



Emma Maple



Braydon Martin



Timothy Maschmeyer



Jonah Masick



Kiernan McCarty



John McMahon



Wendy McMahon



Ashlea Mickle



Noah Mihalovits



Owen Misch



Hunter Molden



Isabelle Molenaar



Austin Moore



Spencer Moore



Taryn Moslow



Ashley Musso



Dontae-Alan Myers



Nolan Myers



Nicole Nannenga



Megan Nee



Nicholas Noland



Elyssa Novakowski



Laura Odle



Madison O'Dor



Valerie Olguin



Koldon Oliver



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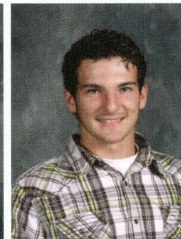
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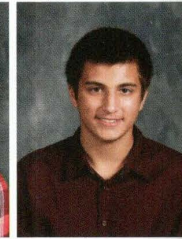
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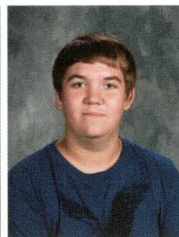
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Trystan Steele



Lindsey Stokes



Dawson Straley



Kara Strong



Brittany Swafford



Jacqueline Szerlak



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Warming up before a match, freshman Austin Atterbury practices his backhand swing. "My favorite thing about tennis was getting together with friends and just playing tennis. It's not about winning or anything, but having fun," said Atterbury.



Morgan Thomason



Joel Tiemens



Gavin Tillema



Harrison Tillema



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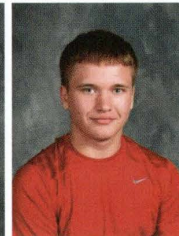
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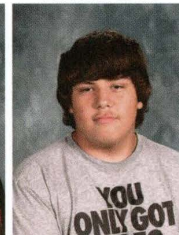
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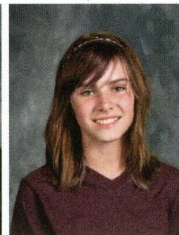
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Kaylee Wireman



Noah Witkowski



Kira Woolever



Jacob Young



Alejandro Zavala



Allison Zubrenic

Not Pictured:

Nicholas Byars, Pierce Fischer, Trinton Newbury, Brooklynn Price, Samuel Sanders, Samantha Sebella

Faculty

Being a new teacher can be intimidating for many reasons. However, meeting new students is one of a new teacher's biggest concern because students with different personalities can be difficult to juggle. However, KV students were more than accepting. "Students that have been more than polite with a new teachers," Mr. Juston Wilks said.

Not only have the students been more than polite, so have the traditional staff with their new co-workers. Mr. Piccirilli liked that the "Co-workers and administrators are always very helpful and supportive." Also, new teachers didn't have much to worry about because old staff members were excited to get new ideas into the building. "The amount of school spirit in both students and staff has been increasing exceptionally and it shows in all facets of our school," said Mr. Ronald Cates.

Amongst all the new faculty, the return teachers were staying strong as well. "It has been a very fun and rewarding experience teaching and coaching at KV for the past 36 years. Each year has its own unique set of students and circumstances. Whether I'm teaching health at the high school, P.E. at the middle school or even at the elementary school, I love the daily interactions with students. I hope some new young teachers want to coach to keep up our KV tradition. Go Kougars!" Mr. Dan Roberts said.



Mr. Adams

Mr. Aubuchon

Mrs. Babb

Mr. Barnes

Mrs. Baysinger

Miss Bengé

Mrs. Blanco

Mrs. Blend



Mr. Boersma

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Mr. Cates

Ms. Chicki

Mr. Cochran

Mr. Conklin

Mr. Copeland

Mrs. Coster



Mrs. Dickerson

Mrs. Eckert

Mr. Ellenwood

Mr. Epli

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Ms. Faletto

Mrs. Ferguson

Mrs. Franklin



Mrs. Freund

Mr. Graegin

Mr. Gray

Mr. Greenlee

Mr. Hass

Mr. Heid

Miss Heyft

Mrs. Hilton



Mrs. Holcomb

Mrs. Howard

Mrs. Hruska

Mrs. Hudecek

Mr. Inman

Mrs. Jackson

Mr. Kidwell

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Mr. Oliver



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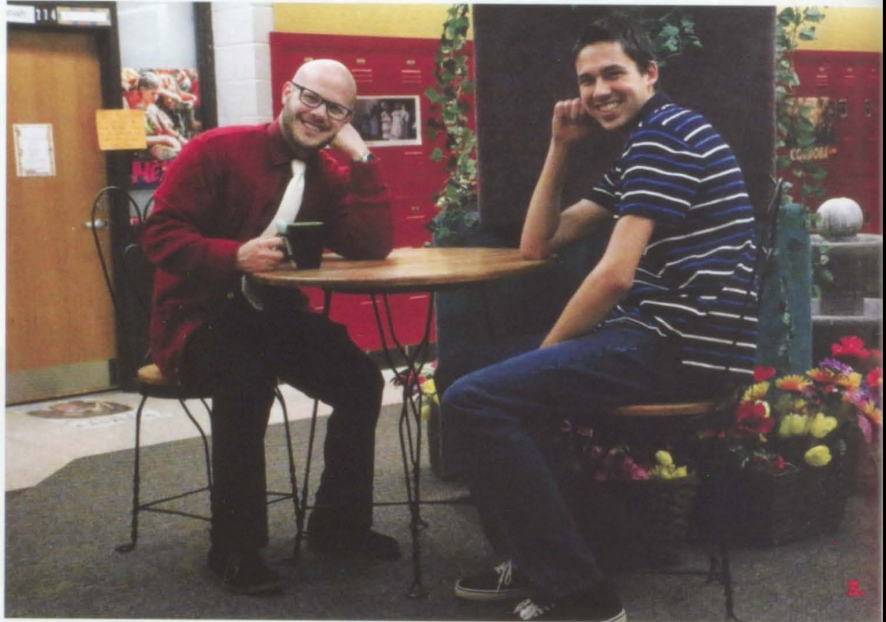
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Mrs. Zuchowski



1. Freshman Wendy McMahon stands with her favorite teacher Mr. Dan Roberts. Wendy explain she chose him because "Mr. Roberts is my favorite teacher because when he is teaching us he tries to be funny. He shows us examples of how to do things and how not to do things." 2. Freshman Nicholas Skrobul stands with his favorite teacher, Mrs. Judy Roberts. "I hate her class, but I love her. I wouldn't have learned half of what I did in Geometry if she had not been the teacher. She's a great teacher; she just chose the most atrocious subject to teach!" said Nicholas.



3. Junior Austin Aubbing sits with his favorite teacher, Mr. Michael Loely. "Mr. Loely is my favorite teacher because he always makes me laugh and he is an awesome teacher. He communicates very well with his students. Also, he was my very first teacher in high school and I'll never forget that class," Austin said. 5. Senior Ryan De Mars stands back to back and arms crossed with his favorite teacher, Mrs. Jill Steiner. "She's my favorite teacher because she challenges me to do more, to step out of my comfort zone to try new things, and because she knows how to work with someone to help them succeed," said Ryan.





1. Senior Kaitlyn Leach hugs onto her favorite teacher, Mrs. Hannah Cates. Kaitlyn said Mrs. Cates is her favorite teacher because: "She's really nice and funny. She makes me enjoy class a lot. She's the bomb dot come!" **2.** Sophomore Donald Arnold chose Mr. Dennis Sterrett. Donald said, "Mr. Sterret is my favorite teacher because he is extremely nice and smart. When I had any questions about any subject (not just science), he politely answered them and helped me," said Donnie.



3. Sophomore Madison Roak poses with her favorite teacher, Ms. Kelly Bengie. "Ms. Bengie is my favorite teacher because you can really tell she loves her job, even when she's having a bad day. She's just a great teacher overall!" Madison expressed. **4.** Junior Cynthia Martinez hugs onto her favorite teacher, Mrs. Tina Stacy. "Mrs. Stacy is my favorite teacher because even though we argue about getting stuff done with yearbook, I love her and she's the only one that I can go to and tell her all my problems. It's very upsetting that she will be leaving us this year, but she has taught me a lot and I want to thank her for all she's done for her yearbook class," said Cynthia.



Everyday Inspiration

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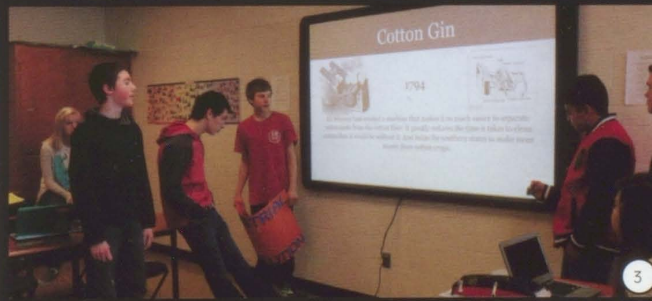
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1. Shooting off his Algebra II rocket, Junior Brandon Drent and Mrs. Martin try to avoid being soaked by the pressurized water. Once Brandon pulled the string, he was instructed to step back as his rocket shot into the air. 2. Bryce Niewoehner plays a pencil game during the Oktoberfest game day in German II. In the game a player places a certain amount of pencils on the back of their hand and throws them in the air to try to catch them in their palm. 3. In World History, freshmen Joshua Anderson, Spencer Moore, Jaden Pietka, and Gino Arzate give a presentation for Mr. Jacob Graegin's class about the Cotton Gin. 4. While reading "Into the Darkness" for the English 10 reading assignment, sophomore Clayton Shouse fills out a journal entry for his book journal. Students had to make a movie poster for their book and had to include actors or actresses that they would star in their movie if they made their book a movie. 5. Miss Crystal Heuft mixes Iodine with aluminum, this action added heat to the reaction that caused the purple smoke to fume. 6. During the first semester, Sports and Entertainment Marketing students had to make a survey and then make an analysis over all the data they received after other classes came in and tested out all of the surveys.



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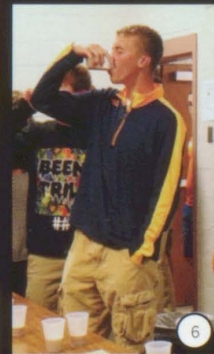


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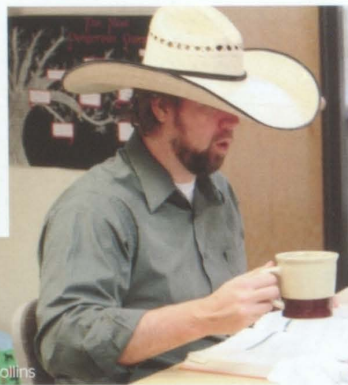


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"I enjoyed reading 'Romeo and Juliet.' Also, trying to understand the language was also a nice intellectual challenge." -Jamie Cole, 9



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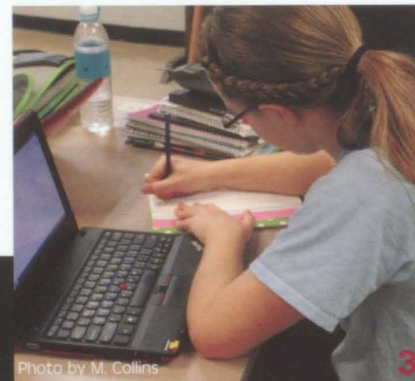


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English

Mastering the Bard

The KV English classes had something in common with almost every high school in the country: Shakespeare. Each year, except for their junior year, students at KV knew that they would partake in the exploration of a language that often seemed foreign.

English isn't just a class where you learn root words, English is a class where you read books that were written years ago and still apply to today's society.

"I thought 'Romeo and Juliet' was hard story to read at first, but then it got easier to understand," said freshman Annalie Ciszar.

Shakespeare has influenced literature all across the world. Freshman cover the classic story, "The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet." His production has been reenacted in movies and school plays all over the world.

By the time sophomore year came around, students were prepared to cover the story "Julius Caesar". However, in Indiana curriculum the juniors studied strictly American literature which leaves no room for Shakespeare.

"I find reading American literature can at times not be so fascinating. Shakespeare is one of my favorites," said Cynthia Martinez.

So when the seniors entered their last year, obstacles could be met with the story "Hamlet".

"I feel that we definitely should have had some sort of Shakespeare our junior year, because that one year of not having it really messed me up when trying to read it in my Senior year," expressed senior Elijah Goodman.

Shakespeare, after all these years, still plays a huge role in everyone's life today.



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1. Freshman Emily Tobias learned about literary devices. She listened to how they helped the audience understand the plays a little better. 2. Freshman Haylie Biedron plays Juliet while reading Shakespeare's play in English 9. 3. Sitting in her English 12 class, senior Tara Beere is working hard on her classwork. 4. Seniors Jacob Shebesh and Nicole Cardaras sit in their English class working on their journals. Mrs. Cate's classes were reading "The Bell Jar" at the time. 5. Sophomore Drake Dowell traces Sophomore Tyler Tinnel for their book project in Mr. Cate's class. Tyler read the book "Fault in Our Stars" and was being traced for their labeled picture of the character Augustus Waters.



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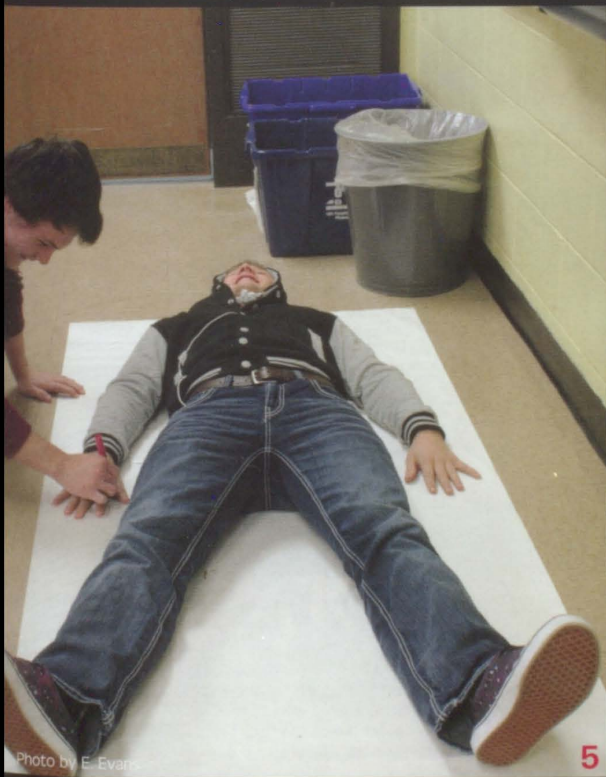


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Tyler Tinnel, 10, Vivan Gregory, 10, and Rayann Pavichevich, 11, stand in front of the class presenting their "Fault in Our Stars" reading project for Mr. Cates.



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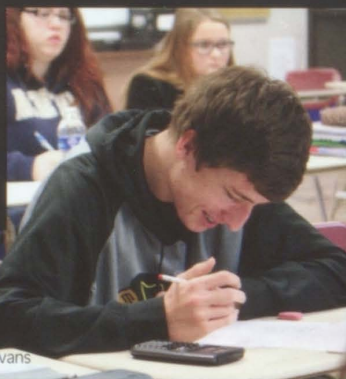


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Even though math can be hard, I still try to do my best.

-Katelyn Eger, 10

Math

Adding in Technology

In previous years, math class meant carrying around a big, heavy book and writing in pencil in your notebook, but in 2014, teachers adopted the use of the Chromebook's and began online programs that allowed students to complete their assignments.

"I believe that the student's are adapting well to the chromebook's. With any change, there can be struggle, but the student's tend to know more about the technology and that helps ease the change," Mr. Rusty Copeland said.

Many students enjoyed having to complete their assignments that were assigned to them online instead of having the inconvenience of carrying around their math textbook.

"I usually have such a hard time with math, but once I heard about Algebra Enrichment, I just knew I had to take the class. Ever since the first day of school,

Algebra made more and more sense, and my math grade has improved so much since Mr. Copeland helped me and encouraged me to do my best," said freshman Jacqueline Szerlak.

Completing assignments has not only been easy on the students but for the teachers as well.

When asked how the computers have helped, Mr. Billy Shepherd said, "It has made grading easier. The student's at the start had to figure out the program just as they would anything else. But once they got more comfortable with it, things seem to have settled in nicely for them. Besides the grading aspect of things, I like it because it gives the students a more modern way to complete homework."

Technology is taking over the old fashion way of using text books and KVHS is ready to adapt.



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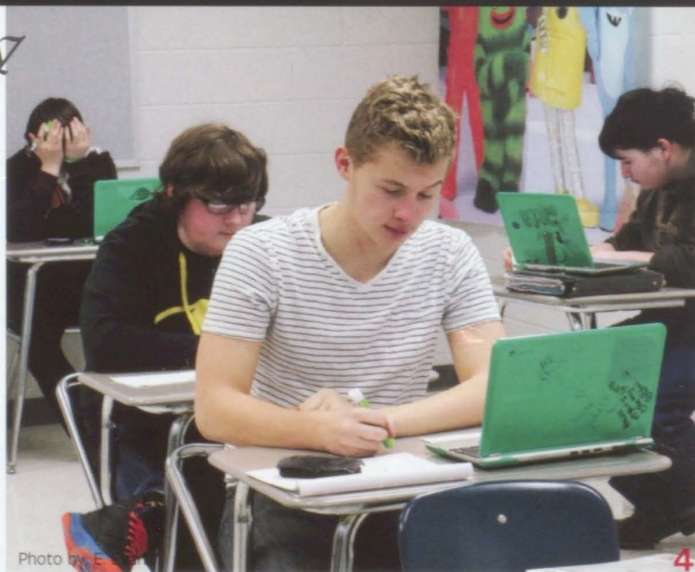


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1. Mrs. Martin and senior Matthew Lukacek stand outside, pulling the string to one of the rockets. This event was the result of the Algebra 2 classes and the Physics class coming together to make rockets that used knowledge from their lessons. 2. Freshman Jacob Allen stands at the board, working out a Geometry problem with ease. 3. Sophomore Rebecca Sims sits at her desk diligently taking notes to her Geometry lesson. 4. Freshman Christian Jarosak sits at his desk using the ALEKS program to complete his algebra work that allowed him to use his desk as a whiteboard. 5. Freshman Mariah Keown sits on the floor searching through her bag to find her laptop charger and begin working on her Algebra.



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Freshman Hannah Herma sits at her desk and pays close attention as her teacher writes on the board. Even though computer programs were used more than in previous years, there was still reason to keep to traditional ways.

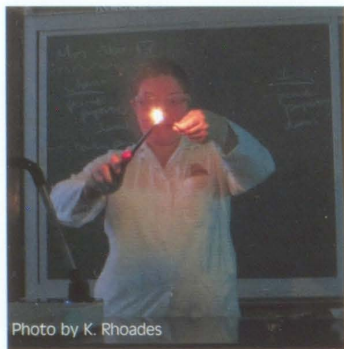


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“Science is perpetual. It never stops intriguing poeple, it never stops wonder, and it never ansswer all the question.”
- Jacob Stemper, 12



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Science Olympiad Returns

Finally, after six years, there was a Science Olympiad team at Kankakee Valley High School. For the past six years, High School students had to go to the Middle School to have their practices along with Middle School students who were also on the team. It was the students love for science that .

Students had a successful day down in Rensselaer at Saint Joseph's College for the Science Olympiad Regional Tournament with eleven other schools.

Freshmen Megan Ward and Jamie Cole placed third in the hydrogeology section. Juniors Autumn Faganbaum

and Sophomore Natalie Wagner competed in the Bridge Building section and placed second, freshman Dakota Lawley and sophomore Natalie Wagner got first place in Wright Stuff, and sophomore Ryan Bartholomew and freshman Harrison Tillema placed first place in the Game On section.

That successful day gave the team more confidence for their upcoming and next season competitions. "I'd like to see the team have a better variety of grades to represent our school and have more organization next year," said Megan Ward.



Photo by E. Goodman

1. Sophomores Bryce Uylaki and Kostas Kouskousakis had to construct an air balloon out of straws and a bag. All students had to attempt to make their air balloon to float. 2. Sophomore Dennis DeHaan and Junior Christopher Estrada shoot rockets off for both Physics and Algebra II on a nice fall day while both classes observe. 3. Russel Baize, junior, pulls the string to ignite his rocket to shoot off into the air.. 4. While looking through a microscope, junior Jared Stemper adjusts the focus to closer examine small cells. 5. Riley Fisher sets up the rocket stand for Physics in Mrs. Coster's class.



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Sophomores Julianna Colon and Erik Schultz inflate a garbage bag with hot air from a flame to represent a hot air balloon for Introduction to Chemistry and Physics.



It's important that we take social studies because it's a fundamental learning in people's life. Learning about events help us understand the past and that can help us in the future.
-Kreed Gentz

Social Studies

Let's make History

"U.S History is one of my favorite classes because I get to learn in depth about important historical events that have occurred in America's past. It's vital that we learn from history and we don't let it repeat itself," junior Emily Hamstra said.

Students at KVHS found that social studies was a very important subject. Not only because it taught the students about events that had occurred in the past, but because it was important for students to have a better knowledge of events that took effect all around the world.

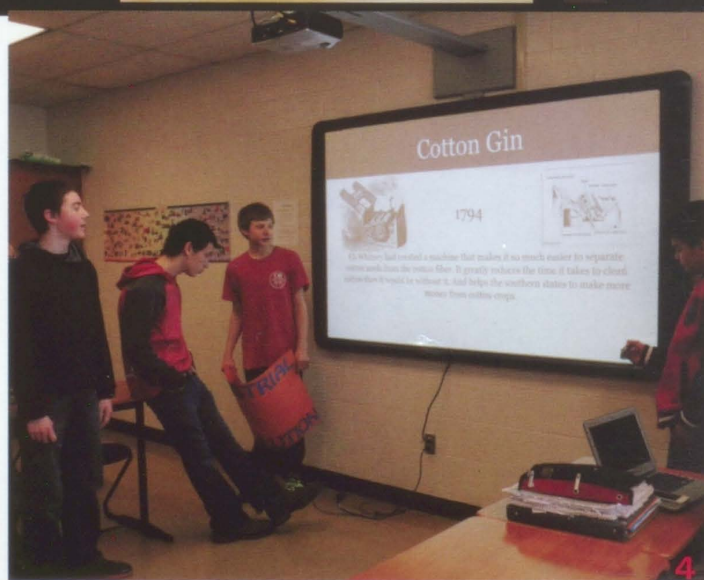
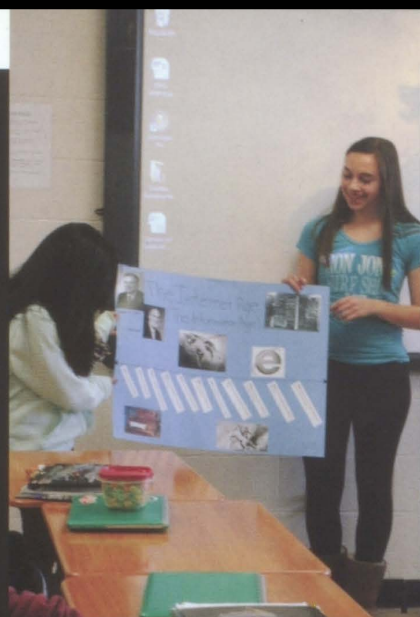
Teaching social studies to students helped them understand and strive in a world that continuously changes. Having a better understanding of problems that happened in the past, can help solve problems in

today's society.

"To be honest, social study classes are very important because it's our nation and others' nations history. Without the knowledge of the past, we wouldn't be able to strive in the present," junior Gabriela Zaragoza said.

Students find that social studies is an important subject, but in many states, including Indiana, students were only required to take the course three out of their four years in their high school.

Many social studies teachers debated that students all over the nation should be required to take four years of social studies in order to receive their high school diploma.



1. Freshmen Rhea Almira and Abby Sayers present their presentation over the internet age. They showed how the internet has affected our world with a time line describing the events and how one thing led to another. 2. Juniors Jessica Young, Jillian Warner, Nicholas Deering, Cole Ribicki, and Drew Havens pose as their characters from the 1920's. 3. Working on her poster board, Junior Kelsey Wireman works on her presentation over the Holocaust for her U.S history class. 4. Talking about the 1794 cotton gin during their presentation, freshman Jaden Pletka, Austin Moore, Joshua Anderson, and Gino Arzate present their information the Industrial Revolution for World History. 5. For their 20's theme party in honors U.S, juniors Angela Weaver and Kyle Brown play their instrument for their class.



Dressed up and playing music for their 1920's party in U.S history, juniors Noah Johnson, Skylar Sutton, and Faith Hoffman all use their instruments to entertain their classroom and imitate 1920's musicians.

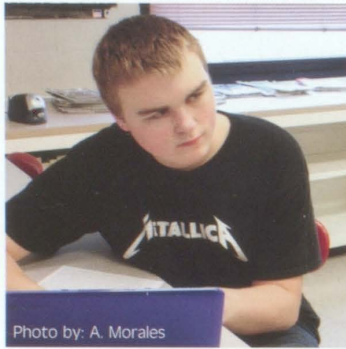


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My favorite thing in business class is how Mr. Barnes really connects with the students and makes it easier to learn. It's good to learn about things that are going to help me later in life.

- Abbey Babe, 10

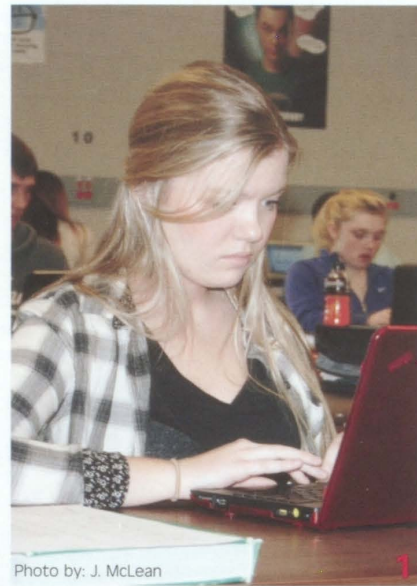


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Business

We're Here to Talk Business

Many adults and teachers would agree that students should be required to take a business class sometime during their high school career. "Personal Finance needs to be required for all students, because it is applicable to real life. We will all have a job and we all need to know how to handle our money... and our responsibilities in life," said Mr. Barnes.

Almost everything students did involved money and money management. Much of these skills were not taught in school unless students took a business class. When students were in math, people asked why it is necessary to take math, but business classes put math into real life situations. No matter what a student chose to do after high school, business knowledge could help with decisions like how to make things appealing, which option would be

best for everyone involved, and what could help in the long run.

With six business classes to choose from, students had a wide variety in which they could participate. Some options included sports and entertainment marketing, personal finance, and global economics. The business classes were taught by Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Blanco.

Some classes were only one semester and some were for two semesters.

Students who chose to take a business class really enjoyed learning about things they knew would be useful later in life. When asked why she chose to take a business class sophomore Ashley Mekola said, "I thought it would be interesting to learn new laws and how businesses worked."



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1. Senior Katlin Jones works on making up her assignments before the end of the grading period. 2. Global Economics students trade "goods" between each other. Students acted as countries and recreated the trading that occurred before money was traded for goods. 3. Jessica Smundin follows along in the book during first hour accounting. 4. Koy Schmidt and Trace Garcia listen to other classmates propose an idea. 5. Senior Steven Ganzeveld and Matthew Kralik work on an assignment during Mr. Barnes' class.



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Pouring pop for a sports and entertainment marketing project, juniors Jarrett Wade and William Trosper prepare to let students sample the product. Students had to guess which drink was the generic and which one was the name brand.



"I want to go into the military to be a MP. After that, I have always wanted to go into Law Enforcement to become a detective. This class has given me a jump start on my education!"
-Eric Davis, 11



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Career

Choices for the Future

Career classes at KV give students the opportunity to experience hands on activities while gaining a further knowledge of the career they have chosen to take on after high school.

"Health Science II has given me the skills that will put me ahead while in nursing school. Seeing different health careers from a new perspective drove my passion for nursing even further," senior Kathryn Birky said.

Classes taught by Mrs. Meredith Hudecek, go to clinical visits such as dentist offices, chiropractor specialists, and visit Jasper County Hospital to get hands on training and better knowledge on procedures they will be performing in their future career. "It has given me the privilege to shadow medical professionals, which has been an incredible experience!" senior

Mari Gomez-Zaragoza said.

Classes taught by Mr. Jeff Moolenaar are career classes for students that are interested in learning in depth about the criminal justice system and the choice of career they would like to go into this field of study.

Classes such as Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Criminal Justice II help students understand the importance of a criminal justice system and help them understand the laws.

"Criminology has helped me advance in the understandings of why criminals do what they do and how the criminal justice system works," junior Araceli Perez said.

For many students, these classes helped them determine if they wanted to pursue a particular career, and this can help save a lot of money once students have to start making adult decisions.



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1. Seniors Mariah Stanley and Savannah Dugan choose to be partners and train on how to correctly measure a heart beat. 2. Derek Schurman, junior, welds during a February 6th competition. Welding classes help students in a variety of skills from art to career. 3. Going on to the welding competition, junior Hunter Moore came in second place. 4. During her Criminal Justice class, senior Caitlin Ervin and fellow classmates enact a practice crime scene with a dummy. They could use these practices to preform evaluate real scenes later in their career. 5. Practicing on freshman Addison Soderlund, senior Samantha Jones checks her blood pressure for an activity they were performing during Health Science II.



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Above: (right to left) Nina Freund, Brandon Martin, Jack Anderson, Araceli Perez, Bryce Gawronski, and Taylor Bacewic

On March 7th, Mr. Jeff Moolenaar took his students that were enrolled in the Criminal Justice class to participate in the Porter County 5K Foot Pursuit Race, sponsored by the Porter County Fraternal Order of Police. The race consisted of team categories for criminal justice classes and the students were competing for a traveling trophy. Bryce Gawronski came in first overall and brought back the trophy to KV.



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I joined Building Trades so that I can get practice with construction and engineering. I found it as a really great class to take to get the practice I truly need for my future.
-Anthony Aguillon, 11

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Building Our Community

The construction class Building Trades helped students interested in construction plan for a future career. The program had been around for twenty-two years, and in that time KV students had built twenty houses, two garages, one addition and helped on around four Habitat for Humanity houses.

Just like any other year, on the first day of school, the class went to the building site. The location for this year was the subdivision across from Belstras Milling. The students always started with an empty lot, but with team effort and hard work, the class was able to put a roof over their heads before the rain started in October, and got themselves out of the wind before the winter set in. The goal was always to be done in June.

This means instructor Mr. Kevin Mulvihill must rely on students, but he said, "From the dreaming/planning stage to the hard grunt work to the digging and hauling to the repetitious drywalling and painting to the meticulous trim and finishing, I like all of the process."

This project was monumental each year with many obstacles. Managing student schedules and working through the weather were problems that were often out of the groups control. However, making sure they had enough materials and managing to do several things at the same time also caused issues. However, the crew pulled together because they knew at the end a real family was waiting to move it.

By far, this project was huge in size and satisfaction.



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1. While sitting on a ladder, junior Jacob Drawl ties wires together for an overhead light in the kitchen of the house building trades had to construct. 2. Senior Matthew Lukacek pries off a door frame to a door leading to the bathroom. Just like any other career class, Building Trades students made errors that needed to be repaired. "Depending on the mistake, I would use the proper tool to fix it," said Lukacek about whatever mistakes they made and how to fix it. 3. Zachary Williams, senior, takes nails out of a small plastic bag to place into the sliding glass door rod in his hand. 4. Inside the house, senior Riley Misch measures out a piece of cardboard with a ruler and marker. 5. Joseph Steinke, senior, uses a power saw to cut threw a piece of wood while at the construction site.



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Zachary Williams, David Bohannon, seniors, and Joshua Suczynski, junior, measure and draw a door frame to a closet in one of the bedrooms in a house during building trades.



I have always loved art. It was introduced to me at a young age, and I have continued to experiment with it ever since.

-Melissa Stowers, 12

Art

Opening the creative mind

Coming to school everyday and stressing over homework that has not been completed could bring students down. However, many students got through the day by looking forward to a favorite class, and for many, that class was art.

Art was a way to relieve stress and open your mind to creativeness and self-expression. Taking an art class was beneficial to students that might have felt that schoolwork and other life factors were causing them to have stress. For instance, junior Cody Gronkiewicz said, "Art gives me the ability to escape reality. I get to express myself openly and learn more about who I am."

Even though it sounded like there was infinite flexibility, art wasn't just a class a student could get an easy grade for. Students evaluated professional art as well as developed basics skills to propel them into more advanced forms.

For many, learning these things helped students express inner emotions that they were feeling.

However, these skills also could have been used to help in future careers. Many careers like web design, advertising, fashion, and communications were beginning to rely heavily on creative skills, so students also saw art as a way to get ahead before starting college.

For junior Hunter Moore, being in Welding II, mastering the art of welding can be difficult. "After being in welding for over two years, I do consider welding to be in the category of art. I create sculptures that require measurements, imagination, and creativity. Welding is a way for me to express myself through my welding creations," he said.

Overall, these students brought a great element to the school.

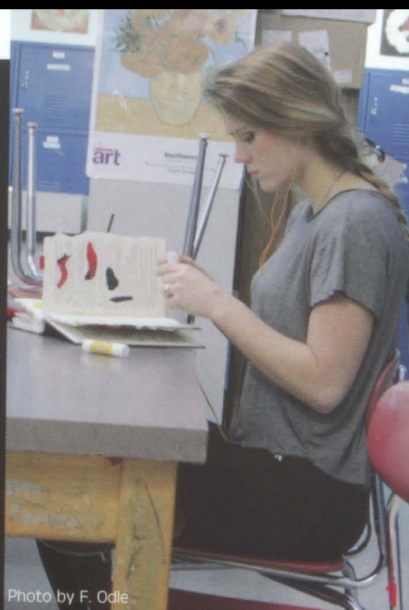
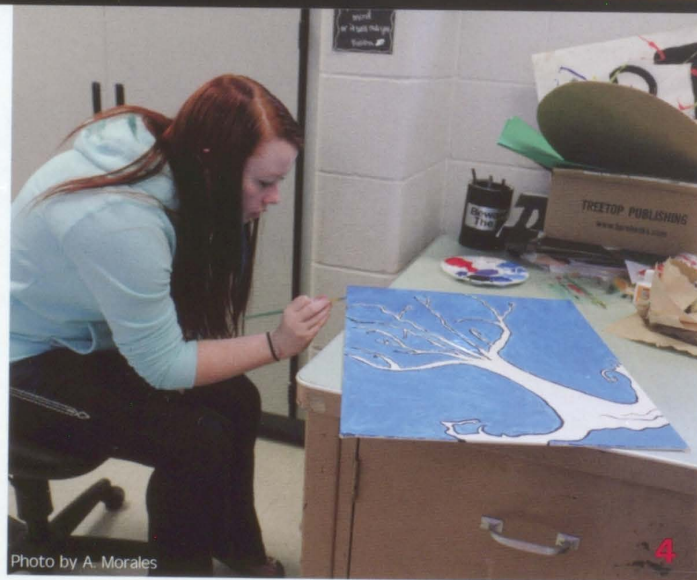
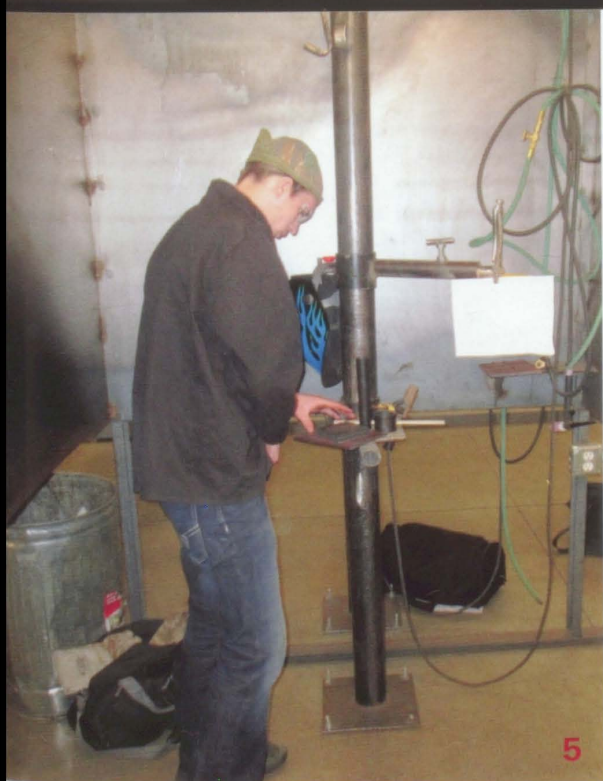


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1. Senior Sophia VanKeppel works on one of many art projects in Ms. Preston's art class. 2. In Mr. Cochran's art class, senior Megan Wolf draws an abstract artwork based on another abstract artist's work. Wolf used artist Elizabeth Urabe's image as a basis for her project. 3. Junior Summer Mitchell is working on a mural that Mr. Cochran's art class is doing for prom. The image was projected onto the wall and Mitchell had to trace it with a sharpie marker. 4. With precision and concentration, senior Caitlin Ervin paints onto a canvas that was already outlined with a tree. 5. While at a welding competition on February 6th, senior Derek Sherman had to illustrate his welding skills by welding the same image that was depicted on the paper. Sherman placed fourth in the competition on Friday during school in Brownsburg.



During Art Club, Junior Julia Johnson cuts into paper to make snowflakes for one of their after school projects in Ms. Preston's classroom. Many art students enjoyed being a part of Art Club also because it extended their creative time outside of the classroom.



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I like French II because the people in that class and Mr. Lovely are the bomb.

-Daniel Rockley, 10

Foreign

Language

Fête, Fiesta, Fest...

The Foreign Language department planned parties as a learning tool to strengthen the understanding of the languages their students were learning.

The French classes put together different celebrations throughout the year. Toussaint, or All Saints Day, students colored pictures of mums and grave stones, writing names of lost loved ones and learning the history of All Saints Day.

French 1 celebrated Noël, or Christmas, by learning about Papa Noël, learning new Christmas Vocabulary, and bringing in candy for their Christmas Party. French 2 brought in traditional French cuisine for their Christmas party.

The French classes also celebrated Mardi Gras, also known as, Fat Tuesday. All the classes brought in food, watched videos of different countries celebrating Mardi Gras, and went over the history of the celebration.

The Spanish classes also celebrated Navidad, or Christmas, by bringing in food and going over

the history of Christmas.

Mrs. Franklins classes celebrated Day of the Dead. Day of the Dead, like All Saints Day, celebrates the remembrance of lost loved ones.

"Learning about the ways that holidays are celebrated in other countries is very interesting. We are used to our own way of celebration, but having a different, ethnic perspective of the holiday is very enlightening and gives a twist to our mundane traditions," said Sophomore Breiana Buchanan

Mrs. Smith's Spanish classes celebrated Cinco De Mayo. They went over the history, brought in food, and watched videos over Cinco De Mayo.

Mrs. Masten's German class celebrated Oktoberfest by bringing in food, playing games, and learning about the history of Oktoberfest.



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1. Sophomore Bryce Niewoehner balances five pencils on his hand for the annual Oktoberfest games played in German. 2. Relying on only her facial muscles, sophomore Kelsey Shelhart works to move an oreo down her face without using her hands for the Oktoberfest festivities. 3. Sophomore Amanda Greathouse sits in her French class making invitations for the Halloween party they held a few days before Halloween. 4. Seniors Tyler Pritt, Ryan De Mars, and Alan Klemp work on translating sentences for Spanish III. 5. Junior Alyssa Serviss works on her French II verb conjugation study sheets.

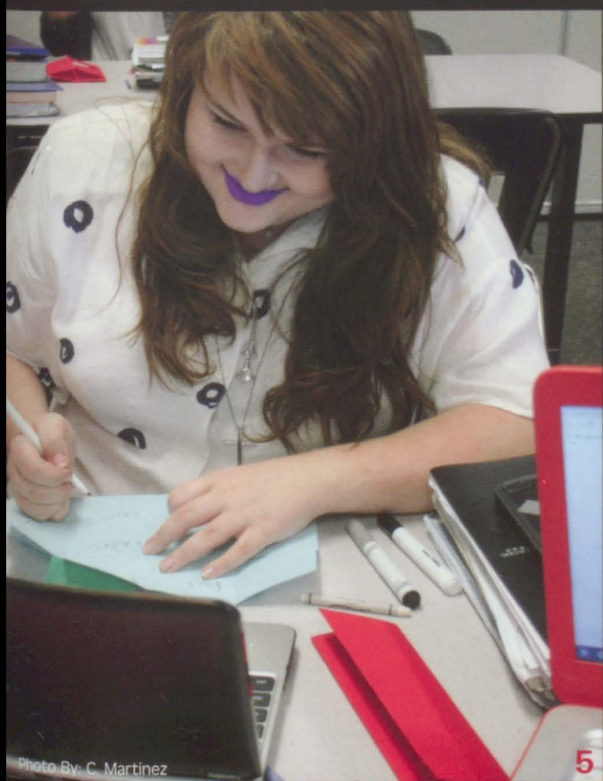


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Juniors Justine Swisher, Katelynd Kessinger, Kyle Howard, and Kyle Hawrot with sophomore Ally Schumacher play games for Oktoberfest. Ally balanced a bucket of balls on her head while Katelynd threw them into the bucket.

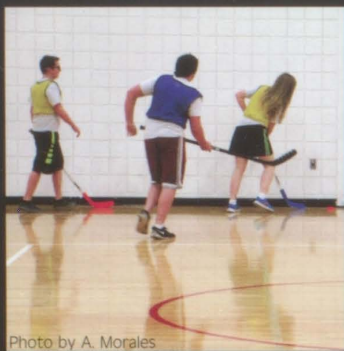


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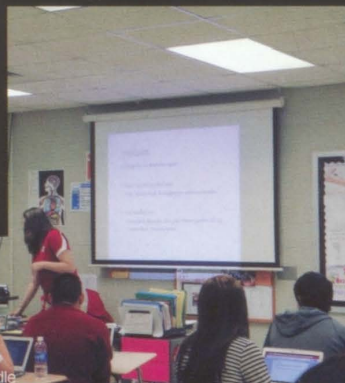


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“Gym is full of fun activities and it informs you about sports that could become a part of your life.”
-Kiernan McCarty, 9

Health/P.E

Health Literacy

“Health and wellness is about educating students to achieve overall wellness and learning effective ways to balance all health components” said Mrs. Adair Baysinger a health and physical education teacher at KV.

As to whether or not health class is worth taking is a debate topic. You can take it online or in school with Mrs. Baysinger. Some would say it is worth it, others think it's pointless. If you think about it, however, health class is possibly one of the most practical classes that you can take. It's practical because you can use the knowledge in everyday life.

Such as when you begin the lifeguarding chapter. You get to practice the heimlich maneuver on practice dummies. You also learn how to treat someone who has been poisoned, is having a heat stroke, or any real life situation for that matter.

Health is definitely more than just nutrition however, it teaches the dangers of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and stress along with the benefits of exercise and nutrition. It also teaches you about healthy relationships whether it be at home or at school.

Students don't think that they need health class and that its just a waste of time.

“I honestly didn't want to take health in class because I thought it was going to be boring, but Mrs. Baysinger made it interesting and taught it really well,” says sophomore Jessica McLean who took health class first semester, “it was totally worth it!”

Whether you take health online or in class, you still will receive a great education. Health in class just gives you more interaction with your peers and more day to day knowledge.



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1. While taking notes in first hour health, sophomore McKenzie Adams types the material from the board into her chromebook. When the school recieved chromebooks, many students switched to digital materials. Mrs. Basinger allowed students to chose paper or digital for their notes. 2. Freshman Noah Witkowski prepares to do a tripod during fourth hour gym class for the gymnastics section of physical education. 3. During fourth hour physical education class, freshmen Josh Anderson, Chloe Garza, and Haley Hixson fight for the puck during indoor floor hockey. 4. Tyler Trpeski, freshman, balances into a tip up move which consists of hands on the mat, knees resting on elbows, and head in the air. 5. Students concentrate while taking notes about the use of illegal substances and how they affect a person's health and those around them.



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During the gymnastics segment of second semester gym class, freshmen Emily Tobias and Isabelle Molenaar stretch at the beginning of class with the splits. Everyday students had to stretch before attempting any gymnastic moves so they didn't injure themselves.



“Competition was a tremendous experience. I learned a lot about about how I can perform under stress and deal with new and challenging experiences.”
-Kyle Banaszak, 12



Family and Consumer Science

Whatever the Future Brings

Family and consumer Science is made up of a series of classes that help teach teenagers how to deal with real world situations and future careers. Classes like: Nutrition and Wellness, Culinary Arts, Interpersonal, Child Development, and Education Profession helped move students into adulthood by teaching them a broad range of skills like managing their health or cutting vegetables. These classes led to a variety of experiences.

For instance, the Culinary Arts class decided to compete outside of the class and ended up going to state with FCCLA to compete. Going to state with FCCLA helped their cooking skills by being critiqued from professional cooks. The students went in teams. One team won bronze because of poor execution and panicking. The other team won silver because of smooth execution and spot on standards.

Although they went to state last year and won silver, this was Senior Baily Richardson's first year

going to state. "I learned a lot about all the FACS classes at our school. I also had the privilege of meeting so many great people."

In Nutrition and Wellness students had to put together a 30 day project which consisted of recording their meals and everything they ate, their BMI, good things to eat, and their DRI (Dietary Reference Intake). They also had to include an essay that summarized and analyzed their project. The second part of the project consisted of a meal plan and explaining their decisions and any changes to their diet.

The Education Professions class also went to state with FCCLA to showcase how their education class inspired them and created projects to compete. Many students place in the gold and silver levels.

Even though these courses are not required for graduation, it was clear that the skills they offered were just as valuable as a high school diploma because they helped students earn skills they'll use for the rest of their lives.



1. Students in the Education Profession class, like Kristine Mak, tie-dyed shirts for Reap What You Sew. 2. Child Development posed for a picture with the kids they were working with during their field trip to the preschool. The Child Development class had sewn the students hats and gloves for the upcoming winter. 3. While working on gloves and hats for Child Development's preschool field trip day, senior Bailey Richardson stitches and sews the fleece. 4. Seniors Jordon Dittrich and Robert Ragsdale cook at the state FCCLA competition. 5. Belanah Chavez, senior, measured and cut the fabric that they would later use to help create hats and mittens for the preschoolers that they would spend the day with.



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Junior, Kathleen Murphy, helps one of the preschool children put on his gloves. The Child Development class made these hats and gloves specifically for this community group and left part of the day to deliver them personally.



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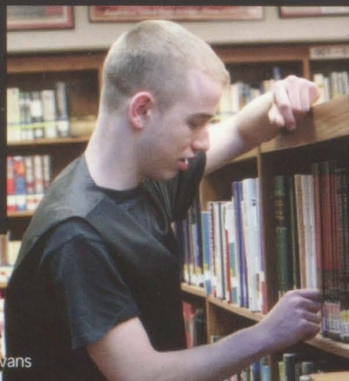


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I like spending time with all my friends and teachers in Mr. Epley's class. I like being in the cooking, crafts, and workshop groups.
-Dylan Seitzinger

Life Skills

Raising Funds to Stay Involved

Mr. Epley's Fiber Arts class created anything from cardboard for looms, to fabric into yarn, in order to create different types of cloth, but maintaining a steady budget can be difficult because being crafty can be a bit expensive. Teachers often have to get creative on fundraising so they can raise enough money to pay for their equipment. Finding an easy fundraiser can be difficult, but if there's a will, there's a way.

Hosting the same fundraiser for the past 11 years, Mr. Paul Epley, including others, had been in charge of the Magnificent Mile Walk fundraiser to raise money for his Life Skills classroom. They planned the fundraiser to be held on October 10th.

"It's been rather simple to setup each year because everything is already in place and the whole community knows about the fundraiser," Mr. Epley

Mr. Epley's Life Skills class walked total of over three miles. They walked from Field

of dreams to Spencer park, then finished at the Hillside Plaza. They raised over \$2,800 and received more from generous donors.

When Mr. Epley and others came up with the idea, students loved the idea because it was a lot less preparation than a bake sale or any other fundraiser.

"I like walking every year. I like being with my friends and I liked the park. I liked going on the wings and on the slides," said Schyler Walters.

Having this fundraiser helps his students know that they are being a part of something bigger and it shows that they can do the work.

The reason Mr. Epley has been using the same fundraiser for the past 11 years is because it brought in a reasonable amount of money. They earned over \$2000 by selling ads to business in the community.

"We use the same fundraiser because why fix something that's not broken," he said.



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1. Freshman Tyler Dolniak stands at the library counter with his card in hand, ready to check out a book. Students often went to the library together as a class to look for new reading material. 2. Hanging out together during the fundraiser, the Magnificent Mile, Brayden McKim hugs his friend Benjamin Wall. "Walking three miles... it was so cool. I just loved the lunch. It was so nice. And at the park was so cool," said Tyler. 3. Freshman, Allison Zubrenic sits in class, pencil in hand, and working hard on her classwork. 4. Tyler Dolniak and sophomore Brayden McKim sit having fun spinning around on the merry go round. 5. Justin Scally pulls out a Batman comic off the shelf in the library.



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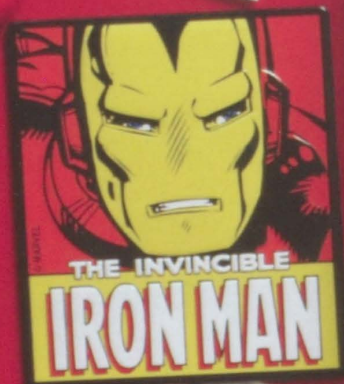


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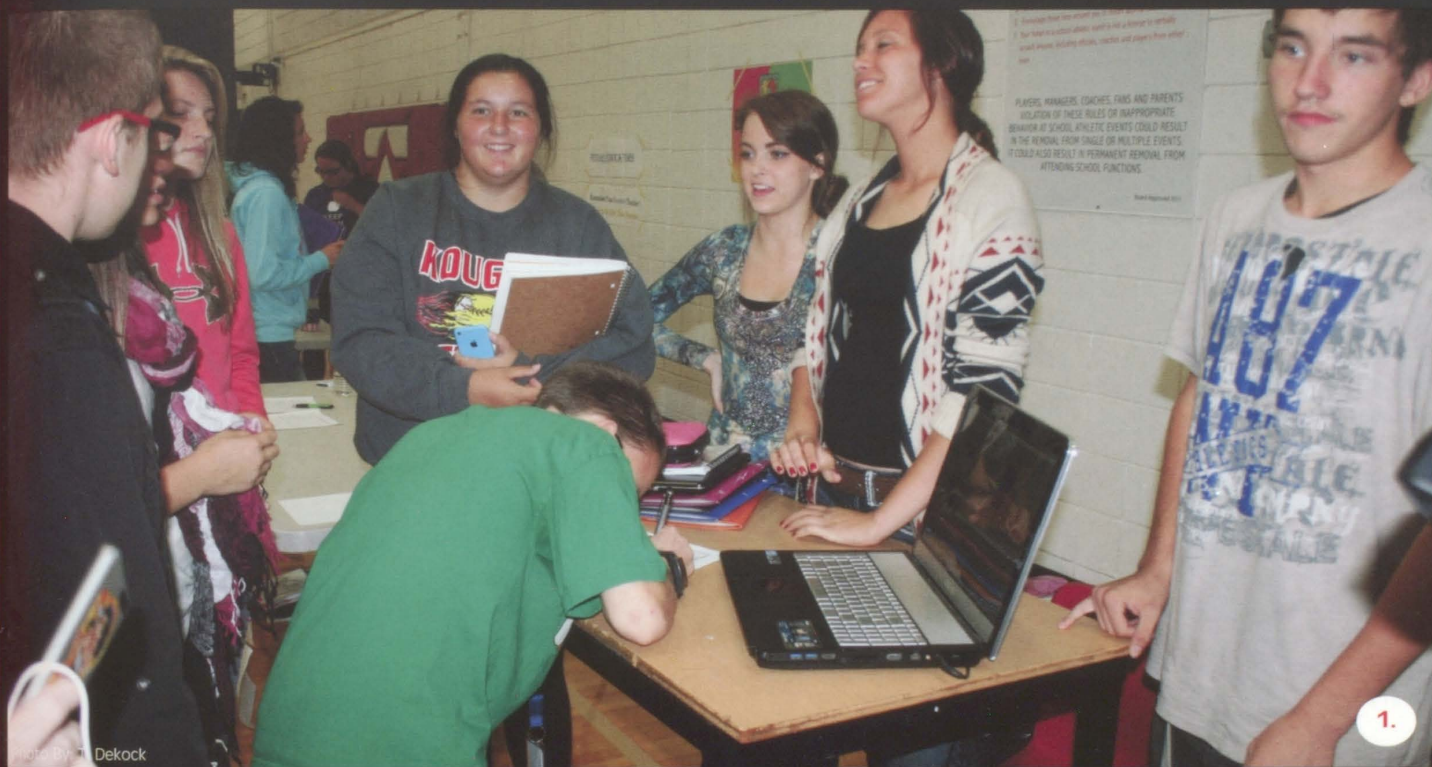
During their Magnificent Mile fundraiser, Brayden McKim, Allison Zubrenic, Cody Lee Hagen, and Devin Scott all take a break to spend time together playing on the merry-go-round.



Florida Keys
Key West
today will be
a good day!
don't worry, be happy.



Clubs/Activities



1. Freshman sign up for Broadcasting club during the Club Faire in the auxiliary gym. Sign ups were during both A and B lunches. 2. Senior Katie Sanders labels a bottle of red dye for Reao What You Sew. The students made tie-dyed shirts to wear while accepting the Monsanto Grant for \$10,000. 3. Sophomore Logan Nowak calls out to the opposing team telling them to "bring it" during Spike Down. 4. The Freshman and Sophomore girls Powderpuff teams play against each other for their one-time big game. Although it was cold and rainy, the girls finished their game full of excitement and smiles. 5. Freshman Cordell Hart messes around with a pair of safely glasses for SADD during the Club Faire. 6. Junior Emily Tauber dances during the Hawaiian Day pep rally with the Dance Team.



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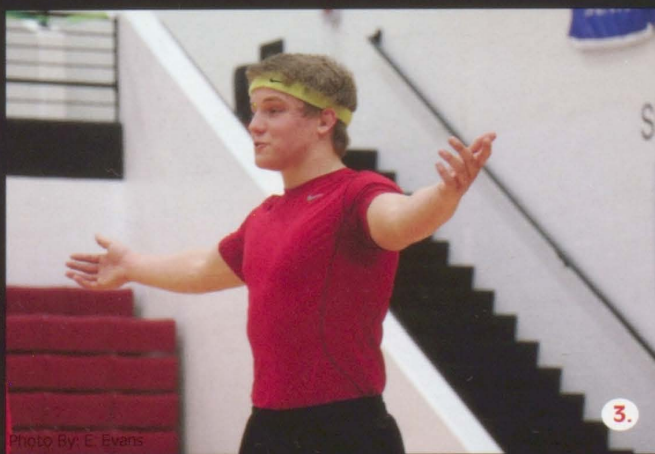


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Student Council went to Indianapolis for a state competition with the Indiana Association of Student Councils. Although they go every year, 2014-2015 was the first year they participated in the video competition.

To prepare for the competition, Student Council paired with the TV/Broadcasting club and made a video set to the song "Best Day of My Life" by American Authors.

Senior Lindsay Holley played a major role in the making of the video. She planned out the video by finding the right actors, writing the script, and then rewriting it. She also had to match schedules to film, but Lindsay didn't do it alone. Most of the council worked to help in any way they could.

Once at competition, the council initially won second, but because the school that had won first was caught cheating, KV's Student Council took first. Their prize: \$250.

"When I found out we won first place, I was so excited. So excited that I even had the thought of running around and hugging everyone around me. I was so proud that all the hard work that Broadcasting club and Student Council put into it was shown and rewarded," said senior, Lindsay Holley. Because of the hard work from Broadcasting, the Student Council is splitting the money and giving them \$125. The council also planned to surprise Lindsey with a \$125 scholarship.

Student Council



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Student Council board members sit in front of the class room ready to start the meeting. Hunter Arhndt, Student Council president, lifts his gavel to call the meeting to order. These leaders led the council to compete at state competitions and their adviser Mr. Lovely was honored as sponsor of the year.



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1 Freshmen Mekenzie Cecil and Booke Pumnea sit at the concession stand during the Hebron basketball game. The council worked concessions stands to help raise money for various activities. **2** Going over the agenda, senior Amanda Grevenstuck and student council adviser Kelly Bengé sit in front of their club members. **3** Junior Alexandira Brizek sits in the middle of the Student Council room during their annual Christmas party opening the gift her secret santa gave her. **4** **First Row:** M. Sprouse, K. Banaszak, K. Jones, H. Ahrendt, P. Maki, C. Hennings, A. Brizek, K. Wu, K. Bengé **Second Row:** L. Holly, A. Martakis, D. Hershman, H. Helton, A. Grevenstuck, V. Porter, A. Weaver, N. Witkowski, K. Schmidt, B. Richardson **Third Row:** K. Hentschel, A. Cisar, B. Pumnea, L. Odle, C. Odle, M. Immerfall, C. Abell, A. Klemp **Fourth Row:** A. Schultheis, K. VanNieulande, S. Capouch, K. Wireman, Z. Riffett, R. Carter, A. Atterbury, T. Wiesemann **Fifth Row:** B. Ott, A. Valenzuela, K. Saxon, A. Klemp, T. Whitson, A. Tinkel, H. Cox, C. Richardson, V. Donovan, M. Adams **Six Row:** M. Cecil, S. Urbano, K. Laib, E. Uhrhammer, R. Gray, C. Benitez, D. Rockley, T. Conley, K. Helton **Seventh Row:** H. Biedron, H. Wiesemann, J. Kistler, G. Tillema, S. Coleman, M. Salyers, J. Patton, M. Neese, E. Evans

Cold, wet, and rainy are just a few ways to describe the night of this Homecoming tradition. "The rain and the mud made me feel like I was in a football movie where the weather makes the game much more intense," said sophomore Faith Bobis.

The day started off cold and wet, and as the game approached, the girls waited inside with anticipation to see if the game would be canceled.

"We, the freshman girls, had practiced hard for one important night. Waiting for the weather and having doubts was complicated. Waiting even longer to play seemed even more challenging than it would have been to actually play," freshman RaeAnna Carter said.

However, the game was played even though the rain at the beginning of the game made it more difficult for plays to be made. In the freshmen vs. sophomore game, there were only three complete passes out of seven attempts. However, in the junior vs. senior game both teams found more opportunities for plays because the weather had finally started to calm down. There were seven complete passes out of nineteen attempts for the second game.

Even with calmer weather, senior Jenna Meeks reflected that, "The cold and rain made the surface slippery and harder to play. The weather definitely made an impact on the game."

Nonetheless, the practices leading up to the game and the game itself was a bonding experience for everyone. "I enjoyed the group of girls I got to play with and how much closer we all got as a team," said junior Nina Freund.

Some argued with and made fun of these girls for putting their all into this one time event, but with these weather conditions, every girl that suffered through the freezing rain proved that they can be just as tough as any athlete.

POWDER PUFF

Row 1: K. DeCock, L. Phillips, E. Rinker, Manager, H. Betron, R. Carter, B. Brown **Row 2:** M. Sayers, T. Gideon, C. Richardson, B. Swafford, Y. Clemente, M. Reyes, L. Riffe, L. Smith **Row 3:** Coach Wooden, K. Hentschel, V. Donovan, A. Musso, A. Augustyn, T. Schmitt, S. Starr, H. Farr, A. Wireman, Coach Martin



Row 1: M. Patino, K. Schwartz **Row 2:** A. Cunanan, J. Valenzuela, B. Gomez, H. Buckmaster, C. Parker **Row 3:** Coach Partin, J. Mehay, A. Pumnea, K. Musall, S. Capouch, S. Sons, M. Robinson, Coach Lukacek, **Row 4:** Coach Elliot, J. Smart, K. Wireman, N. Freund, T. Hart, K. Kessinger, A. Weaver **Row 5:** A. Eger, T. Bacewic, S. Dykstra, F. Hoffman, E. Abbring, A. Brizek, Coach Abbring

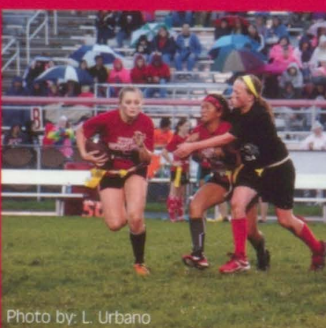


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Row 1: M. Comia, S. Jones **Row 2:** M. Seegers, E. Rios, K. Schultz, J. Meeks **Row 3:** Coach Anderson, V. Porter, S. Johnson, T. Brook, H. Helton, D. Hershman, A. Brennan, J. Wyrobek, Coach Krallik **Row 4:** C. Rauscher, C. Baird, M. Fletcher, M. Gomez, S. Carrera, T. Strong, Dugan, H. Meeks **Row 5:** Coach Martin, J. Musall, L. Cambe, L. Vanderwall, M. Stevens, J. West, P. Billens, M. Fiscus, P. Maki, H. Koartage, Coach Molenaar



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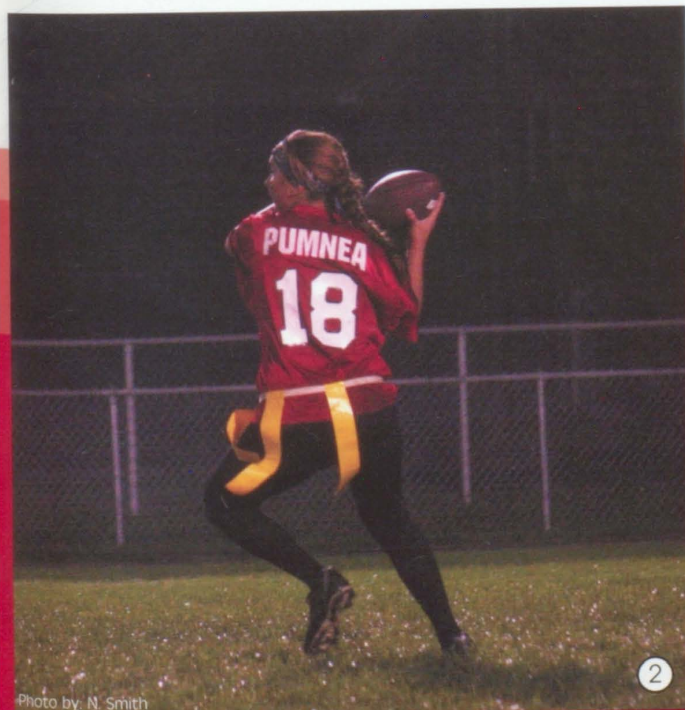


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1 Senior Samantha Jones runs the ball while junior Nina Freund lunges towards Jones pulling the flag. 2 Allison Pumnea of the junior team is in the position to throw. Pumnea had participated in powder puff all of her high school years and said she looked forward to it every year. 3 Mr. Jeff Martin, coordinator of powder puff and head coach of the 2015 class, stands on the sideline. Martin had been coordinating powder puff for four years under Mr. Doug Greenlee. "I've tried to make coming to the game a great experience for the fans with games and activities they can take part in. Even though this past year was a wet one, we still had fun and the girls made memories that will last them a lifetime." 4 Freshman RaeAnna Carter advances with the ball headed for a touchdown as sophomore defense runs towards her, and freshman offense tries blocking. Carter was the freshman quarterback.

There were many competitions for KV, but one of the most important and most significant was when K.V welding competed against other states to earn a \$10,000 grant from the Midwest Technical Institute High.

To win the contest, the welders had to get enough online votes via Facebook. The school with the highest number of votes would win the grant. Mr.Hass and the students worked very hard to gather as many votes as possible. Everyone got involved: school staff, student body, and even parents. Students starting voting and sharing the link to help the welding classes and club win the grant. The contest brought the whole community together as more and more heard of what the welders were trying to accomplish.

"Its amazing how most of our school voted. Teachers would promote their students to vote and help out the welding club. The whole community got in on it for them to win the grant," said sophomore Jessica McLean.

The video that was voted on had to illustrate how members of welding and Mr.Hass would benefit from the \$10,000 grant. Members, such as president Kaitlyn Boomsma, explained how welding had helped her become a leader and decision maker. They submitted their video in hopes of winning the grant to have better equipment and get the necessary knowledge and resources for welding.

After waiting for several months, Mr. Dave Hass announced on May 6 that KV had won the grant.

The money was going towards the welding classes and club to help pay for the necessary equipment, renovating the lab, and resources needed for the class.

Welding Club



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A judge at the MTI Welding Competition judges junior Chad Witt as he cuts with the torch. At the competition welders had to illustrate they could cut, grind, and weld in order to place. Winners were awarded money for each place.



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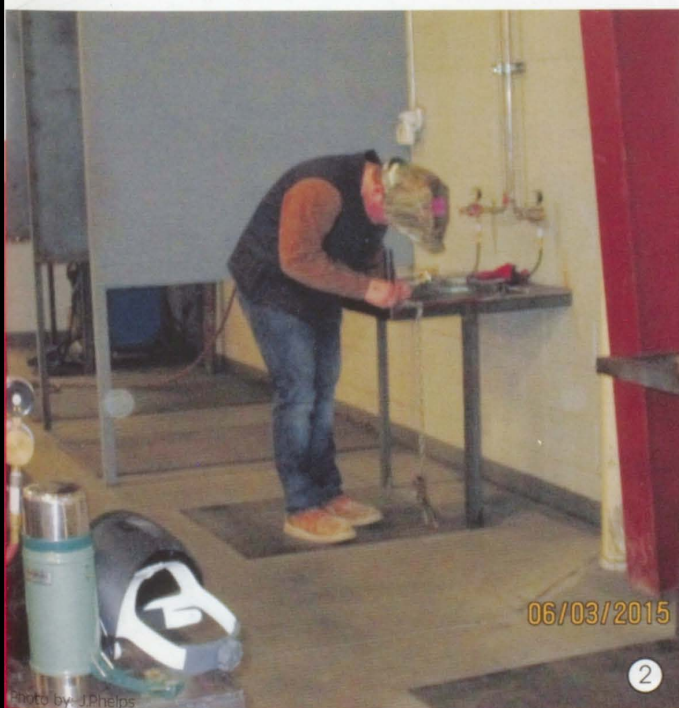


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1 Junior Wyatt DeKock cuts with a torch which was a skill he had to illustrate at the MTI Welding Competition. **2** At one of their welding competitions, Calvin Eenigenburg welds together his assigned piece. **3** Junior Wyatt DeKock works alone to begin his project that must be completed so it can be sent to competition **4** **First Row:** Tyler Wright, Kaitlyn Boomsma, Heather Meeks **Second Row:** Sadie Voyles, Brandon Lesczynski, Nathan Furlano, Trace Garcia, Calvin Smith, Tyler Wilson **Third Row:** Wyatt DeKock, David Williams, Creed Gentz, Hunter Moore, Colin Clark **Fourth Row:** Quinten Henning, Mr.Hass, Devin Harrington

For many years, SADD put together a mock car crash at the end of the year to educate juniors and seniors about the dangers of drinking and driving. In the mock crash, the Wheatfield Fire Department volunteered to show how responders handle a drinking and driving accident. For the scenario, Mr. Martin portrayed an intoxicated man who caused the accident.

After the mock car crash, the students attending were moved to the main gym and where a spokesman was waiting to explain what the danger of drinking and driving, the use of illegal substances, and the affects those substances have on the students' future.

The somber morning was quickly replaced with excitement not only for prom but for KV's Got Talent which was put on by Ms. Hallie Chicki to raise money for the Freshman Focus program. The money raised went towards leadership programs and classroom supplies. The talent show did not require auditions, and there was only one dress rehearsal before the show to check the volume and lighting.

After asking Ms. Chicki if she enjoyed putting this fundraiser together every year she said, "Yes I do because it showcases a lot of student and teacher talent. Also, a lot of students who are not involved in school activities participate in the show."

With many different acts ranging from singing to comedic skits, students got together to put on an entertaining show for the night. It takes a lot of courage to get on stage in front of your family and friends, and freshman Meghan Scott did just that.

"This was, like, a once in a life time thing. Yeah, I was scared at first cause I didn't know what people would think of me, but I had a great time doing it. I plan on doing it a lot more in the future," said Meghan

SADD/KV's Got Talent



Junior Austin Morrison sits in the auxiliary gym preparing to donate blood to the Red Cross. A Red Cross nurse preps Austin's arm, getting ready to draw blood. The blood drive collected over 40 pints of blood and earned a \$350 scholarship which was awarded to senior Rikky Young.

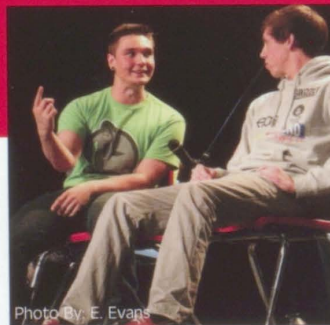


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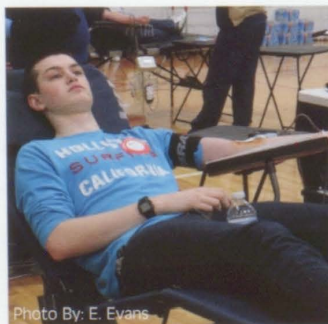


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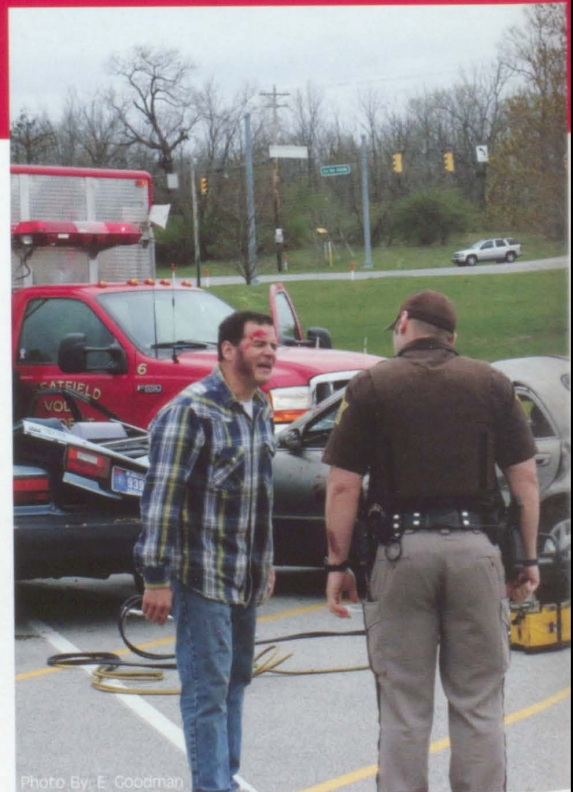


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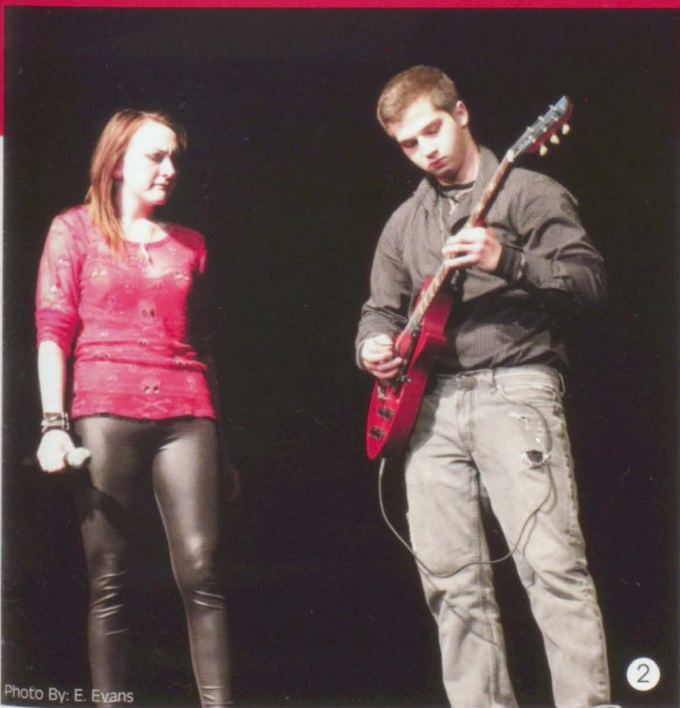


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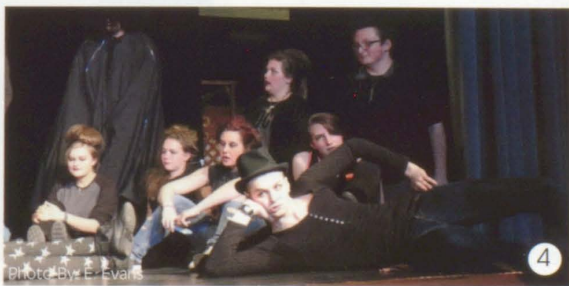


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1. Mr. Jeff Martin sits in the pre-crashed car for the simulated crash scene SADD put together on the Friday before prom. The assembly was designed to warn juniors and senior attending prom about the effects driving impaired or under the influence. 2. Senior Megan Wolf and sophomore Brandon Glusak stand on stage performing for KV's Got Talent. Their band, "Edge of Obscurity", performed two songs: "Enter Sandman" by Metallica and "Sweet Child O' Mine" by Guns N' Roses. The band worked well together with Megan singing lead, Brandon on guitar and sophomore Lucas Bohannon on the drums. The band took first place. 3. Junior Faith Hoffman sits in the auxiliary gym having her arm prepped to donate blood to the Red Cross. 4. Mr. Martin's group, Russel Baize w Saxophone, gather together on stage at the end of the talent show, waiting to hear the announcement of the winner for KV's Got Talent.

From sporting events to hallway life, the broadcasting classes showed up at every event that the school put on. However, the class was limited and so the creation of the Broadcasting Club was made. The club videoed things and posted them on **The Cube** for the students who couldn't make it to the event to watch.

When asked about the hardest thing about streaming live junior Megan Groen said, "The hardest things about streaming live are making sure all of the equipment is set up right and getting the right camera shots." When streaming, the club members knew that parents and supporters that couldn't be at the event relied on the streaming to stay up-to-date on the event as it was happening. The website then worked as an informal archive because the events would stay on the website for later viewing as well. This helped athletes see how they had performed as well.

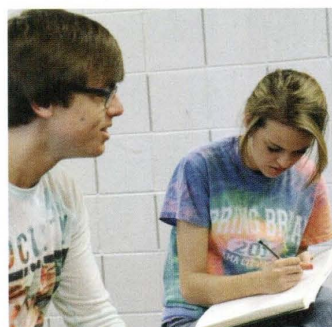
Broadcasting class puts together episodes of "What's Happening" throughout the week and releases it on Fridays. Students could watch the episode during SRT or follow the link on the school website. During the show students were informed of upcoming events, previous event results and that weeks weather.

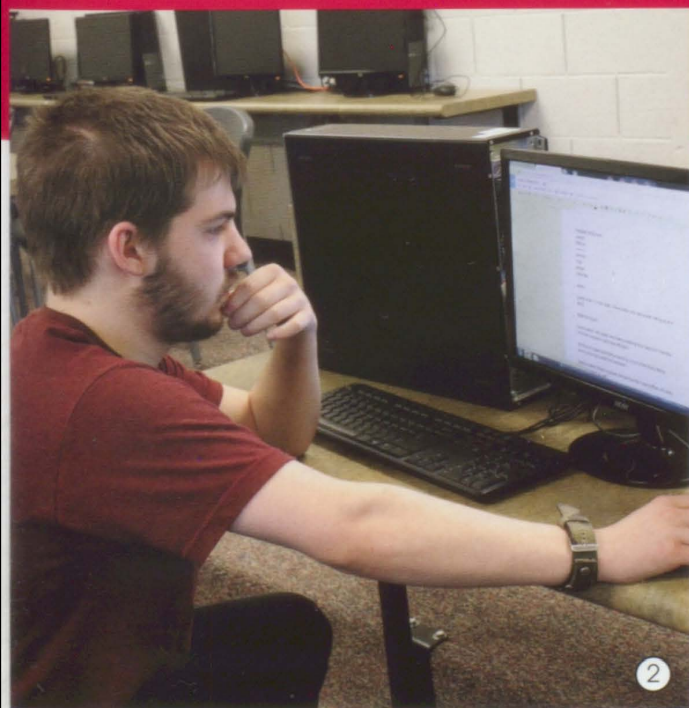
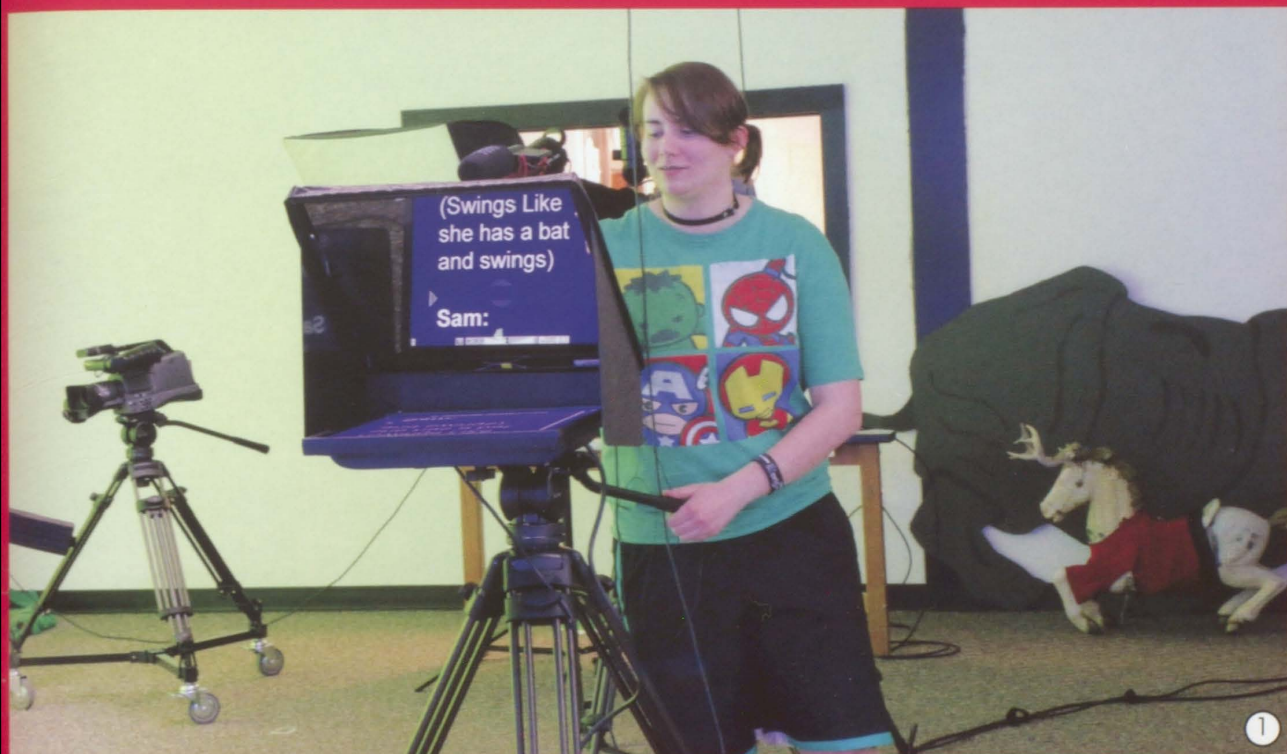
For students who loved to make film, having an option to work both inside and outside of the class really mattered. Without the club, much of the events at KV would not have been recorded. In an age where digital media is becoming a way of life, these students were creating the bridge to make KV a school that could keep up.

Broadcasting



Junior Emily Poe works on the next "What's Happening" video. Broadcasting class released a new episode every Friday that informed the students and staff everything that was going on around the school. They also released "specials" for big breaks like Christmas break and Spring break. These episodes were fun and showed some technical skills the classes learned.





First Row: Hannah Sherwood, Cody Bencze, Megan Groen, Ryan Henk, Cole Rentschler, Mia Stevens, Sara Dykstra, Emily Poe **Second Row:** Garrett Hartman, Jason Borgman, Savannah Johnson, Mr. Martin, Mykenzie Seegers, Jeremy Shearer **Third Row:** Shawn Stephenson, Katelynd Kessinger, Crystal Podegracz, Sydney Capouch, Jazmyne Mehay **Fourth Row:** Caleb Zorka, Haley Carter, Abigail Boer, Jessica Vasquez, Tyler Domniak **Fifth Row:** Valerie Olguin, Kayla Christensen, Kiernan McCarty, Devin Scott, Preston Buck, Stevan Perez **Sixth Row:** Mason Koen-Neese, Coady French, Christian Jarosak, RaeAnna Carter, NAME, Jazmin Arellano, Faith Daniels

1. Autumn Fagenbaum holds the teleprompter while a fellow classmate films "What's Happening". The teleprompter helps prevent as many mistakes. 2. Jason Borgman types out his script during third hour broadcasting class. The script was to be used on the next broadcast.

To become a part of National Honor Society, a student had to be voted in by a teacher who believed that the student had the capability to fill all of the community service required.

Then in April, a meeting was held for the 30 new members. The induction ceremony was explained and the students were introduced to the principles of the organization. "I am very excited to be welcomed into National Honor Society because it will look good on college applications, and you get to help people who need it," said Sophomore Emma Fase.

The students that were inducted knew they would have to volunteer all throughout the school year at school events and community activities. One event that the previous members had helped with was family fun night at the Elementary school. Students helped collect tickets and make sure the games were all running smoothly.

In order to know what was coming up, the club had it's own Facebook page. Chemistry teacher and sponsor, Mr. Shawn Lane, ran the site so students could find out about upcoming events they could volunteer for. Members could post about services they knew about and also let the club's president, Bryce Gawronski, know how many hours needed to be added to their completed records.

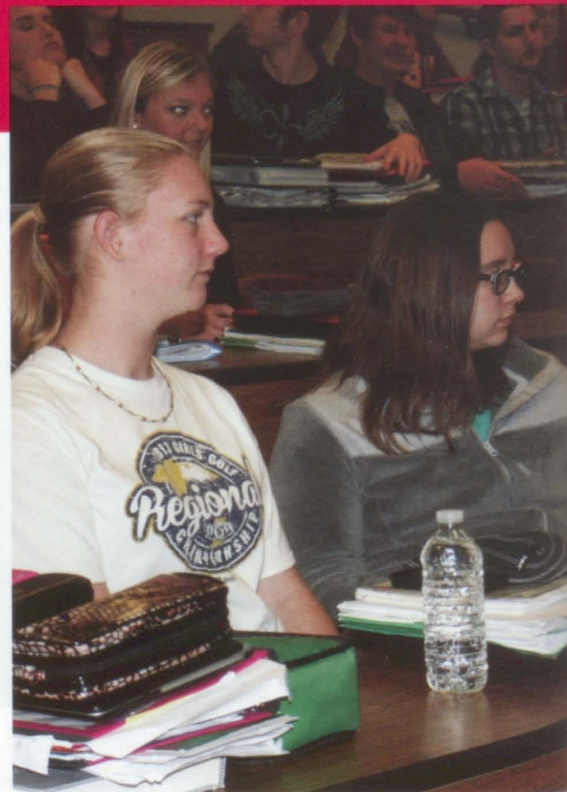
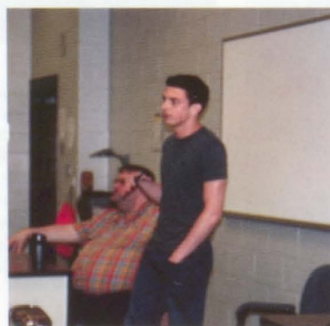
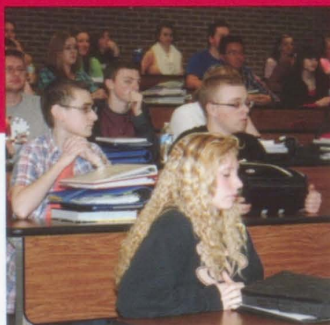
Each year new ideas are added. The students participated in collecting toys for Toys For Tots in December for the first time.

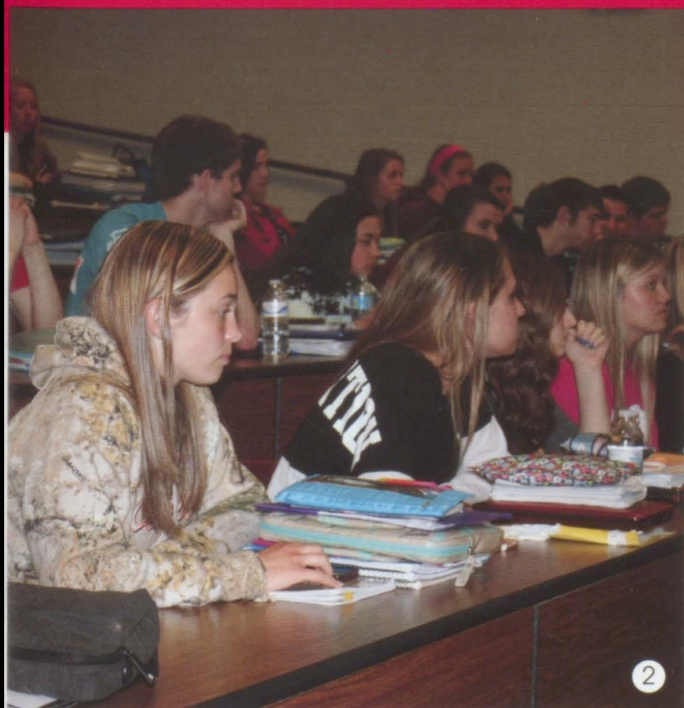
With a week before winter break, the toys donated. "I felt really proud of everything we had done," said Bryce which can up what it means to be in NHS.

National Honor Society



Sophomores Seth Junglas and Keegan Jones listen as the club's vice president, Kyle Patton, speaks about the community service that is required to graduate with Honor Society honors.





Row 1: Cassandra Ooms, Kyle Patton, Bryce Gawronski, Tara Beere **Row 2:** Justin Edwards, Vronika Porter, Kaitlyn Jones, Kendall Schultz, Rikki Young, Kyle Banaszak, Mackenzie De Mars, Kara Gouwens, Jessica Smundin, Jacob Stemper, Paige Asbridge **Row 3:** Ryan De Mars, Emmett Meiss, Alex Martakis, Alan Klemp, Tyler Stromatt, Melissa Stowers, Morgan Overstreet, Kaitlyn Wrezinski, Nicole Cardaras, Eric Vorst, Beau Sarosy **Row 4:** Cheyann Odle, Jillian Warner, Cameron Fritts, Hunter Ahrendt, Nicholas Arnold, Kevin Wu, Alexandra Brizek, Casey Hennings, Kyle Brown, Jacob Shebish **Row 5:** Bryan Sipkema, Alex Villalpando, Britney Hoffman, Taylor Whitson, Jenna Jungels, Leah, Megan Groen, Kayla, Ashley Sanders, Zachary Witkowski **Row 6:** Tyler Gideon, Autumn Fagenbaum, Sarah Schaezel, Klara Hausenfleck, Celina DeVries, Emilie Bassett, Emily Tauber **Row 7:** Faith Hoffman, Haley Ayres, Abby Tinkel, Haley Cox

1 Emma Fase and Megan Groen talk before a meeting. This was Fase's first meeting as a member of the club. **2** Students listen as Mr. Lane describes what the club is about and all of the requirements. At the beginning of April, new students were inducted into the National Honor Society for the next school year.

Freshmen Mentors

Transforming to High School

The transformation from middle school to high school can be a stressful time for students. Many across the country were worried about where their classes were, and whether or not they would sit in the right place at lunch. However, freshmen at KV had the security of their freshmen mentors.

"I like being a freshman mentor because it's a great way to be involved with the freshman and lead them to success" said senior Kaylee Engstrom.

Having the freshman mentors program was big in helping the freshman feel welcomed and involved. Freshmen mentors' goals were to make the freshmen feel like they were included in all school events. This program was successful because not everyone could be a mentor.

Students needed exponential grades, no record of expulsions, and a satisfactory interview with Mr. Skrobol before they were chosen. If they passed all qualifications then they would be allowed to lead the freshmen.

The program offered a variety of activities to help the freshmen grow as successful high school students. From videos on Monday to games through the week, the freshmen mentors and their freshman grew together with success as the end result.

After students went through the program, they were equipped to handle everything from bullies to difficult classes. By the end of the year, the students realized that even though the program seemed to sometimes be outside the box, in the end it helped them through the most difficult adjustment they faced.

Freshmen mentors Delaney Hershman, Eric Vorst, and Beau Sarosy, all seniors, sit and eat their ice cream during the ABC Honor Roll Ice Cream Treat.



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On March 30th, freshmen gathered in the auditorium to watch a video during SRT. The video was about a man who drove drunk with his friend in the passenger seat. It explains the consequences of his actions.



Photo by C. Martinez

In the hallway during freshmen focus, freshmen Ashley Musso and Mia Dufresne play the game Candy Reach. The students were instructed to stand on a piece of cloth and reach for candy without leaving the cloth. The student with the most candy won.



Shannon Urbano puts a string connected to a straw into a bowl of soap and water. Freshmen had to use the supplies given to them and make a bubble bigger than the other freshmen in their class.

This is my story.

In the auditorium, freshmen sit and listen to a story about the consequences of drinking and driving.

Freshmen Evan Uhrhammer, KayLee Laib, Travis Gawronski, Kaitlyn Saxon and Rylie Gray sit at a lunch table during SRT and eat ice cream at the ABC Ice Cream treat.



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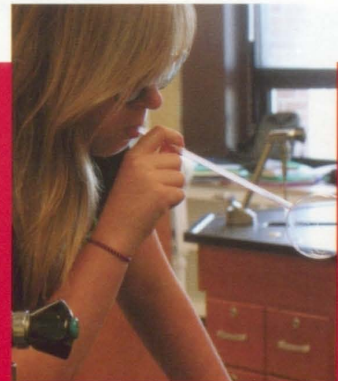
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Nicholas Skrobol, Vanessa Donovan, Nicholas Raymond, and Bridget Hoffman sit in the cafeteria eating ice cream during SRT. The freshmen with an ABC grade card and their mentors were treated with ice cream every grading period.



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During Freshmen focus, the mentors played a game with their freshmen. Everyone put their heads down and a mentor would pull someone out of the room. The freshmen had to guess who was pulled out, what color their clothes were, and what shoes they were wearing, etc.



Shannon Urbano, Jaden Pietka, and Ana Valenzuela work and laugh together to try and make the biggest bubble in the class.

Using a straw, Vanessa Donovan blows a bubble with soap and water. The Freshmen Mentors had the freshmen do this activity to see what they could accomplish when given a minimal amount of supplies.

FCCLA/Health

Growing into Adulthood

Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Health Occupations were two clubs that had real world value. FCCLA and Health Occupations were clubs that moved students into the practices of the life they wanted to live as adults. Students not only enjoyed the team spirit, but they also went to competitions and designed ways to help the community.

FCCLA went to Indianapolis at the beginning of March to compete in the State Leadership Conference. Students participated in everything from culinary competitions to teaching displays. With group and individual awards, the club brought home many accomplishments.

Since this was the first year for the Health Occupations club the group focused on ways to help the community. They held a Riley's Children's hospital fundraiser that collected items to be donated to the children and parents at Riley's. They collected everything from paper towels to potato chips for about four weeks. At the end the schools donation, the group delivered the many items to the hospital.

Another thing that the health club took part in first semester was a clean hands awareness week. During that week the club promoted hand washing by putting posters up on the bathroom mirrors that taught the students the proper way to wash their hands. They also made a PSA about why people should wash their hands and how many germs are involved when people don't wash their hands.

Overall, both groups gathered valuable experiences.

Kyle Banaszak watches as Robert Ragsdale pours ingredients into the pan.



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Competing in the culinary portion of the competition senior Robert Ragsdale takes the food off of the stove.



First Row: Victoria Strong, Mariah Stanley, Mari Gomez-Zaragoza, Paige Maki, Cassandra Cleveland, Brittani Barbee, Mia Hudichcek **Second Row:** Shanah Patrick, Erin Hennin, Madelyn Gregolunas, Samantha Pieperbrink, Kathryn Birky, Megan VanVleet, Marissa Call, Samantha Jones **Third Row:** Jenna Musali, Nicholas Deering, Jessica Young, Abby Tinkel, Raegan Walther, Mackenzie De Mars, Kendall Schultz, Hannah Dancer, Jenna Meeks **Fourth Row:** Keegan Jones, Juliana Rodriguez, Ana Garcia Rodriguez, Tuesday Sabol, Cassandra Timmers, Danna Vozman, Victoria Boyer



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Seniors Kaylee Engstrom and Bailey Richardson pose with their S.M.I.L.E. poster from the state convention.



Photo by: K. Engstrom



First Row: Robert Ragsdale, Kyle Banaszak, Jordon Dittrich, Mrs. Berge **Second Row:** Bailey Williams, Savannah Johnson, Rebecca Piepenbrink, Moriah Fletcher, Abigail Phillips
Third Row: Madison Roak, Max Berndt, Zachary Wrezinski, Taylor Pyzynski

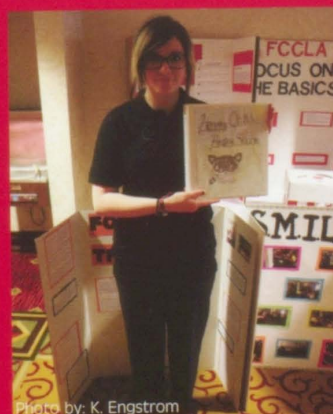
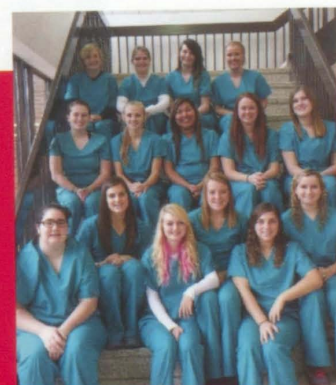


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Holding her binder for the state competition is senior Shaylin Riddle. Riddle went on to get a silver with her project.



Senior health club members sit on the stairs after organizing all of the donations given by fellow students to their fundraiser for Riley's Children's Hospital. This is the first year that students have had the opportunity to join the Health Occupations club.

Book/FEA

Changes and Challenges

Since Mrs. Feichts retirement, Book Club had a new advisor. Mrs. Walstra has gone above and beyond to improve Book Club. With new ideas and fun activities planned, she started by taking suggestions for new books and began with fun activities such as book speed-dating,

"It's been fun to get to know some of the students and find out what books interest them! I enjoy getting ideas and suggestions from them as well!" Mrs. Julie Walstra said.

Although Book Club has just received a new advisor, Mrs. Skrobol has been the FEA Advisor for 4 years. "I am very passionate about good teaching and enthusiastically encourage prospective educators! FEA is a great organization to help. My only frustrations is when the weather cancels our meetings!" Mrs. Gwen Skrobol expressed.

Weather was a constant problem for FEA. Constant delays and school cancellations due to the winter weather made it hard for the members of FEA to meet like and follow through with plans to recognize teachers.

Overall, both leaders worked to get the students that were involved excited about teaching and reading. Through the changes of new advisers and the challenges of the weather, both clubs did their best to keep things running smoothly.

Junior Sarah Schaezel sits on a desk out side of Mrs. Skrobol's room, reading and discussing a "Go Teach" magazine.



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Sophomore Jessica McLean sits in the library during a Book Club meeting, engrossed in her book.



Front Row: Nikki Cardaras, Elizabeth Evans, Tara Beere **Second Row:** Sarah Schaezel, Austin Abbring, Casey Hennings



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1. Junior Cheyanne Odle sits in the library looking over pages in a book about the favorite literary character "The Hobbit".

2. Tara Beere and Katie Sanders sit outside Mrs. Skrobil's room during an FEA meeting, going over the pages of their "Go Teach" magazines.



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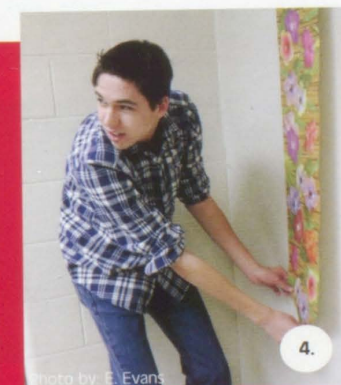


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3. Senior, Katie Leach, sits in the library, lost in her book, *Heir of Fire*.

4. Austin Abbring, Junior, helps decorate the teachers lounge for Hawaiian Day by hanging a floral banner. Hawaiian Day honored students and FEA honored teachers.



First Row: Brittney Bartholomew, Kate Wrezinski **Second Row:** Emily Rhoades, Katie Leach **Third Row:** Mrs. Julie Walstra, Hannah Kuhn, Katelynd Kessinger **Fourth Row:** Abigail Tobias, Elizabeth Evans, Hailee Zander, Katherine Rhoads, Jessica McLean, Vivian Gregory



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Freshman, Emily Tobias, sits in the library, skimming through her book, *The Bodies We Wear*.

Future Farmers of America

A Much Bigger Picture

FFA is more than just a club to interact with nature. It teaches leadership skills, communicating with other people, and enjoying the great outdoors. It provides personal growth as an individual while providing students with an agricultural education for future careers.

FFA stands for Future Farmers of America, but this club is not only for people that want to become farmers, it welcomes people that want to become scientists, business owners, doctors, and so much more.

Just like many clubs, FFA has different types of competitions and activities they participate in. Their most recent competition was for FFA forestry.

After several years of competing, FFA forestry came in first in district and in state. The group was composed of Megan Groen, Kayla Groen, Cheyann Odle, and Heather Yates. The competition consisted of naming and recognizing different types of seeds, woods, and trees. There were many different trees they had to name out of a list of 55 tree names.

Another competition they attended during March was a leadership contest. The attendees who competed all came in the top three of their category. For the contest, the contestants needed to demonstrate something from their individual category.

Many students complained that KV was too rural, but FFA showed that just because they were rural didn't mean they weren't a force on a much bigger stage.

With her escort senior Alan Klemp, senior Corissa Abell is announced as FFA sweetheart.



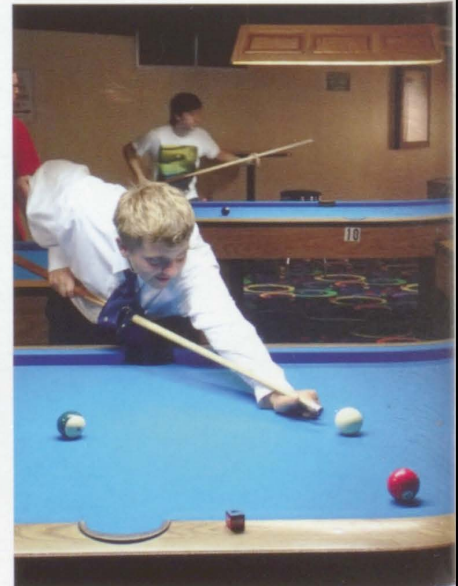
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Mr. Steve Inman and juniors Emma Abbring and Taylor Bacewic take a picture together at the National Convention for FFA.



Sophomore Alec Misch stands at a member auction. FFA members were auctioned off to people. If sold, a member could expect to work for the winner for eight hours.

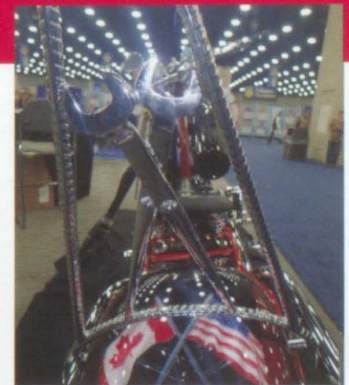


After their the state assembly, sophomore Bryce VanderWall and other members play pool at the State Convention.



Dominant: Before the member auction, senior Heather Yates, juniors Alan Klemp, Hunter Moore, and Bryan Sipkema cook pork chops on the grill for the member auction.

Below: Trying to take a group picture, FFA forestry members enjoy themselves while on a Forestry Judging trip at Jasper-Pulaski. This trip helped them prepare to view different leaves and seed samples.



Middle: Junior Alex Hanewich is in the process of being sold at the member auction. This auction was one of FFA's first major events for the year.

Bottom: At National Convention, Ironworkers International Union displays a bike they had built. The bike was built with a lot of material that they worked with daily.



After competing with different FFA clubs from different districts, junior Kayla Groen receives first place plaque to bring pride to KVHS.



Juniors Meagan, Kayla Groen, and Chyanne Odle pose with their plac for winning first place in forestry at state. Not pictured is senior Heather Yates who was also a group member.

Photo Fails

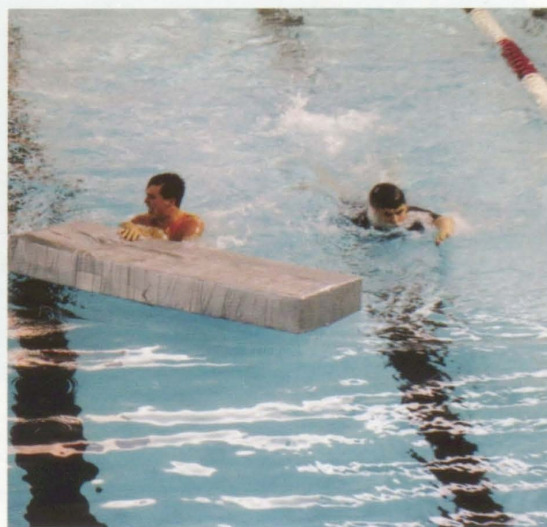




Every year, the photographers in yearbook have a bank of photos that would never make it into the yearbook because of a variety of reasons. Sometimes the images are great, but they don't fit the story. and sometimes the images aren't putting the student in the best light.

However, theme for this book was "Locked in Memories" and it explores what was inside the average Kankakee Valley student's locker. As the yearbook staff explored, it found that many students had silly pictures of their friends.

Since yearbook always has a large bank of images that show students relaxing and just being silly, the staff decided it would be fun to show some of the bloopers that were kept stored in our "yearbook" locker.



Environmental Science

The Fundamentals of the Environment

Every year, Ms. Sarah Patterson schedules a raft trip at Tippecanoe for her environmental science students. This trip is done together with FFA, and all students in the club got a chance to go and learn about the environment. This day of rafting gave students a new perspective and a chance to examine the environment around them.

"Environmental club has been a great experience for me," says club member sophomore Aries Morales. "I've learned so much about the environment, and going on these trips have shown me the true meaning of nature and life. The trip definitely was a great success cause that's where I found my passion for the Earth."

This trip was a great way for students to get a better look at what they had been learning in class. It gave them an experience to see that everyone should care about the environment, and we should be protecting it, instead of hurting it.

Students learned about tree identification, mussels, otters and water testing while on this trip. "I like the discussion of otters. I also enjoy rafting with my students. It helps me get to know my students better," said Ms. Sarah Patterson about what he favorite part was about the trip. Patterson planned on doing this again for next school year.

Juniors Felicia Calusha, Rebecca Ruth, and Kylie Becker walk around during SRT and walk to other classes and collect recyclable in the recycling bins.



Photo by J. Phelps



One of the instructors at the raft trip talks to students about how to be safe while going down the river.



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Junior Kylie Becker takes a recycling can and begins her route around the school to pick up teachers' recyclables. Two to three groups would head out everyday during SRT to gather teachers recyclables.



Photo by J. Phelps

Juniors Emily Hamstra and Kylie Becker head into Ms. Crystal Heuft's room to pick up paper and water bottles to recycle.



Photo by J. Phelps

Club members get things together before they head out to their separate hallways to gather all their recyclable items.

While at Tippecanoe, students took a trip down the river on rafts with instructors and students from other schools. Everyone on this trip learned about the environment and the things that they can do to better the environment around them.



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Juniors Felicia Galusha and Rebecca Ruth talk to one another about where they're going to go and get recycling.



Photo by J. Phelps

During SRT, Felicia Galusha, junior, points students towards the English and History hallway so that they can begin collecting recyclables.

Environmental science students, Alexandria Anderson and Autumn Pierce walk back towards Ms. Sarah Patterson's classroom to put the recycling bins back in place.



First Row: F. Galusha, H. Buckmaster, C. Hemphill, R. Buck **Second Row:** B. Cochran, G. Dumont, D. Sears, M. Robinson, B. Zimmerman, H. Wotherspoon, S. Tokarz, M. Wolf, S. Ketchum, M. Fyda, C. Kieres **Third Row:** R. Ruth, P. Bobby, R. Walther, A. Tinkel, H. Cox, E. Hamstra, H. Kuhn, A. Fagenbaum, K. Hoover **Fourth Row:** M. Dittrich, M. King, A. Kerulis, K. Mikels, L. Sandoval, L. Hobson, T. Pyzynski, K. Jones **Fifth Row:** A. Morales, M. Roak, A. Greathouse, A. Earle, D. Kingma, C. Cooley, L. Justice, Ms. Patterson

Business Professionals of America (BPA) was a club that many students, interested in business, became excited about. BPA gave students a chance to compete while being educated on how to work efficiently, not only in an office, but also in different business situations. The club was sponsored by the business teachers, Mr. Vince Barnes and Mrs. Traci Blanco.

With the 30+ students signed up, students took part in the State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis which hosted several different categories for the groups to participate.

"Being that it was my first time, I was excited and nervous for the students competing. I couldn't answer all the questions they had because I wasn't sure myself. It all worked out and the students represented KV well," Ms. Blanco stated in reflection.

As a way to raise money, BPA along with Broadcasting, sponsored a 3 on 3 basketball tournament that included anyone who signed up along with the teachers.

Mr. Vince Barnes, who is one of the BPA teacher sponsors, participated in the 3 on 3. When asked how he felt playing in the tournament, he answered, "Sore, I guess I'm getting old and I'm out of shape. I did score a basket, but I mainly coached. I recruited a good team!"

While BPA had their basketball tournament going on in the main gym and the auxiliary gym, Broadcasting set out games and face painting in the hallway.

"The 3 on 3 tournament was a huge success and really helped us reach our goal to get to state. It was awesome to watch the school get involved and it was fun to watch the teams play," said senior Paige Sanders.

Students were encouraged to join BPA to take advantage of a wide variety of professional development opportunities. And the competitors ended the year looking forward to Nationals in Anaheim, California.

Business Professionals of America



Photo By: E. Evans

Seniors Logan Anderson and Justin Edwards set up a table outside the gym as part of the 3 on 3 fundraiser. With a Nerf gun, a small child tries to shoot down a pyramid of cups several feet away.



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1. Mrs. Wendy Dunham, Mr. Jeff Martin, and senior Megan VanVleet all jump to get the ball during their basketball tournament in the auxiliary gym. The BPA put the 3 on 3 tournament together as a fundraiser with Broadcasting. 2. Senior Michael Witvoet shoots the ball as seniors Kara Couwens and Lauren Stokes try to block and get the rebound. 3. Michael Witvoet dribbles the ball trying to keep it away from seniors Steven Ganzeveld and Kara Couwens. 4. **First Row:** Malia Comia, Ivy Fase, Joshua Shearer, Jillian Warner, Michael Witvoet, Matthew Kralik, Casey Hennings, Amber James, Beatris Gomez **Second Row:** Mea Forden, Emily Franzen, Jenna Musall, Paige Sanders, Rikki Young, Savannah Johnson, Serena Ketchum **Third Row:** Justin Edwards, Logan Anderson, Kyle Rae, Logan Anderson, Dennis DeHaan, Dalton Hugar, Phillip Dinga, Lorraine Howard **Fifth Row:** Mrs. Traci Blanco, Nicholas Raymond, Nicholas Noland, Mr. Vince Barnes

To wrap up the year, Foreign Language club put together one last party. On Friday the fifteenth of May, FLC members gathered in Mrs. Polly Franklin's room to watch the "Book of Life". Before the movie, members listened to Stromae, a French pop singer, while waiting for other members to arrive. However, this was not the first time the club celebrated the culture they were interested in.

During the Christmas time, members got together and decorated the Foreign Language department. They put up a Christmas tree, decorated the ceiling with lights, and hung up streamers. The club members also drew the different Santa Clauses' for each culture. Père Noël, the French name for Santa Clause, was hung on the back of the French door; Papá Noel, the name for the Spanish Santa Clause, was hung on the back of the Spanish doors; and Weihnachtsmann, the German name for Santa Clause, was hung on the back of the German door.

Although Foreign Language Club likes to have their parties, they make sure to keep things educational and cultural just like the art club.

Art Club helped out the Drama club by participating in the creation of the peach for the spring play, "James and the Giant Peach". Working side by side with the stage crew, Art Club helped to paint the magnificent giant peach.

"James and the Giant Peach" wasn't the only play they helped with.

Not only did the Art Club help out the drama club, but they also painted a master piece in the welding room. Art club members, Julia Johnson, Savannah Johnson, Kaitlin Schwartz, and Melissa Stowers all pitched in for the creation of the mural.

Whether a student joined Foreign Language Club or Art Club, both offered a way for the students to get involved and make their school interesting.

Art/Foreign Language



Photo By: C. Martinez

Junior Julia Johnson cuts out snowflakes to hang around her class room, bringing in the Christmas spirit.



Photo By: E. H.



Photo By: A. Morales

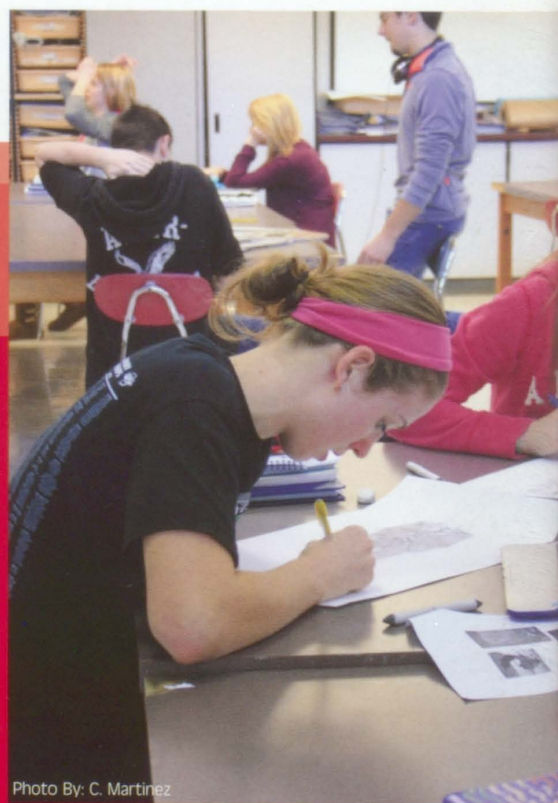


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1. Juniors Autumn Fagenbaum, Samantha Mitchell, and Katelynd Kessinger sit on the floor of Mrs. Franklins room, talking and laughing before watching the "Book of Life". 2. Sophomore Tyler Miller lies on the floor watching "The Book of Life" for the end of the year Foreign Language Party. 3. **First Row:** E. Evans, H. Buckmaster, M. Overstreet, Mrs. Polly Franklin **Second Row:** G. Hartman, C. Williams, L. Thunborg, M. VanVleet, K. Wrezkinski **Third Row:** C. Hennings, N. Coldiron, J. Young, A. Tinkel, B. Zimmerman, R. Walther, C. Odle, H. Kuhn, **Fourth Row:** K. Hoover, A. Villipando, B. Buchanan, A. Sanders, K. Kessinger, A. Fagenbaum **Fifth Row:** N. Skrobul, M. Collins, D. Rios, T. Miller 4. **First Row:** K. Woolever, C. Cleveland, K. Birky, S. Johnson, M. Stowers, T. Ortega, H. Reno **Second Row:** A. James, C. Gronkiewicz, B. Lessner, E. Meiss, A. Martakis, A. Johnson, J. Johnson, K. Schwartz, Mr. Brandon Cochran **Third Row:** L. Gouwens, J. Jungels, E. Gouwens, A. Tinkel, P. Bobby, K. Murphy **Fouth Row:** J. Mehay, H. Sherwood, L. Odle, S. Mitchell, R. Walther, A. Tokarz, B. Kent, A. Kerulis, C. Birky **Fifth Row:** D. Birch, M. Dodge, H. Bedron, J. Sipkema, J. Beck, K. Sullivan, M. Misner, E. Pearson

Being a new club can be rough because it takes a mass amount of responsibility, but Reap What You Sew became a successful club for their first year. Managed by Mrs. Laurie Holcomb, and with the help of Mrs. Lindsay Preston the club has completed many activities. Reap what you sew created their own club shirts by tie dyeing them together.

"Tye dyeing shirts was a lot of fun because we got to create our own shirt that would represent our club and we all had a chance to hang out with everyone and get to know each other" senior Bailey Williams said.

Reap what you sew is a considerable small club, but with the help of all the members, they hope to grow over the years and become a major club.

Being a type of art club, buying art supplies can be expensive. Getting and gathering all the equipment takes time and responsibility, but reap what you sew uses any type of material they can obtain to create their beautiful art work.

This club helps students to express their creativeness in a piece of artwork. Another club that haves students create

Crochet is a type of art where you use yard, thread, or other material to create fabrics.

Both the class are quite similar. Both create creations with fabric, that they ise temselves or donate for other in need to use.

Crochet is managed mostly by Mrs. Lindsay Preaston. She took over after the last art teacher left and also is one of the art teachers here at KV.

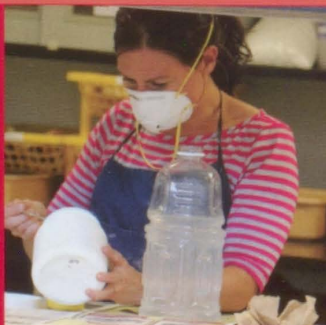
The club crochet blankets that they donated to children in need to the local shelter. All the members created their own blanket using different color schemes they liked the most.

Students that enjoy creating pieces of art are encourage to join these club. These clubs are ways to work with others and have a fun time at the same time.

Crochet/Reap What You Sew



Filling a water bottle with water, senior Bailey Williams gets ready to hand it out for all the members to begin tie dyeing their club shirts.





1 About to tie dyeing her club shirt, junior Kristine Mak and her fellow club members begin to wrap their shirts and begin the process of tie dyeing. **2** Senior Bailey Richardson uses a stick to create the spiral tie dye on the back of her club shirt so it turns out correctly. **3** Labeling the fabric paint, senior Katie Sanders labels all the bottles so the members know the correct color to use and mix. **4** **First Row:** Moriah Fletcher, Abigail Phillips **Second Row:** Katie Sanders, Kristine Mak, Bailey Williams

Tech/Engineering/Robotics

Although, many students didn't know much about the technology classes, students that took the classes understood how the education in this area would propel them into adult life. In order to fuel their passions the school offered many clubs. Mr. Conklin saw a need for exploration outside of class.

There was the robotics club where students were able to develop skills and experiences that many others won't receive until later on in life, if ever. The club allowed students to explore the field of robotics.

"Knowledge in the build, programming, installation, and maintenance of robots is in high demand. Students who pursue training and education in robotics will be able to enter high demand jobs, and have the opportunity to make a higher salary" said Mr. Alex Conklin.

Since the club was in it's beginnings, they focused on just learning to use RobotC and C programming language. Anyone wanting to make a robot must be able to give it commands by programming its computer or connecting it to a computer. Without a program, no robot could ever hope to work.

Due to the increase of technology use in the country, the jobs that involved technology or engineering were becoming more necessary. The increasing technology was continuously being predicted to grow, and as it grew the demand for building, programming, installation, and maintenance careers in robotics also increased. When asked about his engineering experience sophomore Trenton Mowry said, "The class has pushed me to test myself to what I am capable of."

Learning these skill sets through clubs and classes only benefited students because it gave them a chance to experience and explore the different areas of technology.



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TOP: Seniors Koy Schmidt, Keith Michael Fitzpatrick, and Junior Jair Olguin Sanchez work together by following the instruction packet to begin building their new robotic project for their class.

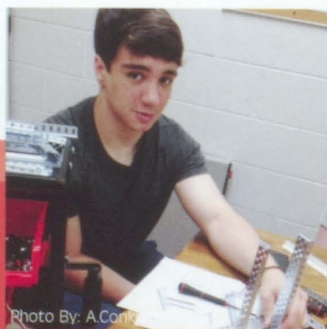


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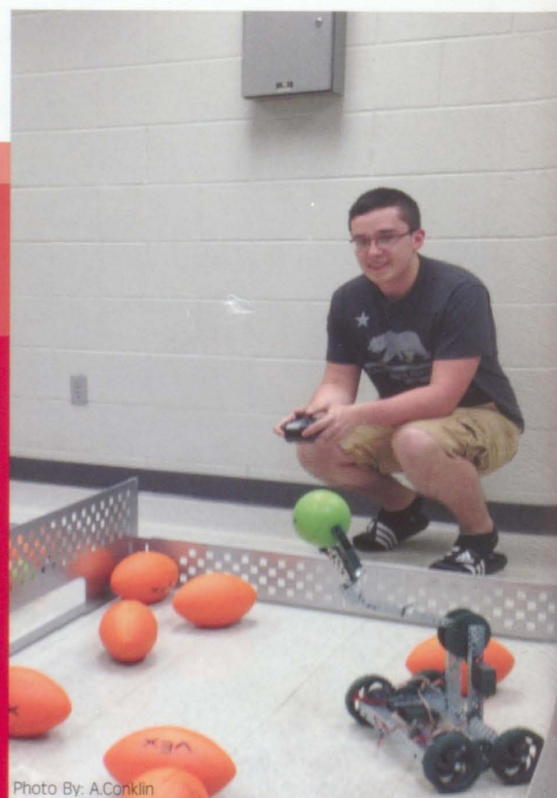


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1 Junior Mason Myers and senior D'anna Sears prepare to battle their robots in a game against other students. 2 Junior Max Berndt prepares the engineered device while senior Katherine Woolever gives it instructions. 3 Juniors Cherise Parker, Mason Myers, and senior D'anna Sears gather around to watch as their robots battle against other groups of students. 4 Junior Anthony Aguillon and senior D'anna Sears prepare to battle their bots against another classmate in the obstacle court.

Each year the Dance Team works hard for their competition. It is important to the team to represent KV well. However, the system changed when a second competition was added. This allowed both Kolor Guard and dance to make it to Divisional Finals, and onto state.

"This is only the third time since the early-mid 90's that our guard has qualified for state," Mr. Nicholas Borsema said.

When asked if and how practice changed for the Division Finals sophomore Emma Byrom said, "Yes, practice changed. We had practice three days a week with longer hours, which were Tuesdays and Thursdays from four in the afternoon until seven in the afternoon. We also had Saturday from nine in the morning until five in the afternoon with a one hour break at noon. However, we knew it was all worth it. We just had to do our best."

The dance team faced similar practices with the five competing member staying after regular practice to prepare. All the long and hard practices paid off. KV Kolor Guard made silver in their Division Finals.

At the competition the members would run over the routines looking for mistakes, but according to sophomore Junelle Roy, "The hardest part was watching the other teams do a wonderful job too."

All of the preparation left the local community cheering for the girls both at competition and on the home court.

Dance and Guard



Photo by: F. Odle

During one of their practices, Kolor Guard performs one of the beautiful routines their instructor had taught them. This practice was held most of Saturday, February 7th after the team had set up the cafeteria for their "Sweetheart's Dance." The dance replaced the traditional Snowcoming Dance that was held in the same month.



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1. Dance team shows the students and faculty their routine for competition during a pep session. 2. Sophomore Emma Byrom practices throwing the flag in the air, and then proceeds to catch it while spinning 360 degrees around. 3. **First Row:** E. Byrom, A. Byrom, A. Sanders, S. Piepenbrink **Second Row:** R. Keister, D. Sears, M. Overstreet **Third Row:** H. Buckmaster, M. Salyers, E. Kwiatkowski, D. Birch **Fourth Row:** J. Sipkema, H. Deyoung, B. Bostian **Fifth Row:** A. Agustin, Coach D. Burris, V. Buckmaster 4. **First Row:** E. Grove, M. Padilla **Second Row:** G. DeSimini, M. Ward, L. Riffe, J. Roy **Third Row:** K. Eger, J. Cole, D. Monk, G. Jones, R. Burke, E. Tauber

At Kankakee Valley, the academic teams compete at many different competitions in different districts. They display and honor KV's community.

Being in any academic team takes true dedication because every year, they have different themes in their area and have to take more time out of their day to study for. Aside from doing their homework or studying for their test, they also have to do the same with the team they are in. To make students feel involved, they had a trivia night to have the student body support the groups.

Academic Decathlon started off their season with a great start. In March, Mr. Robert Heid announced that KV Academic Decathlon team qualified to be Indiana's representative in the medium size school division to the National Online Academic Decathlon.

"This is the first time for us and I was thrilled to announce that we had made it," said Mr. Heid.

In April, they went on to competing on the National On-Line Decathlon. Being in the competition had them miss time in school, which further shows that academic teams are serious business.

In Science Olympiad, they came in first in the Wright flying event, second in bridge and building, and third in hydrogeology.

Congratulations to all the academic teams for all their hard work that never goes unnoticed by the journalism class.

Academic Teams



The team poses with their awards that they won at the Academic Decathlon competition. The team qualified for the National Online Academic Decathlon for the first time.





1 Junior Autumn Fagenbaum and her partner measure the height from the second floor to the first. **2** Students perform their experiment for a Science Olympiad competition. The team placed in the top ten with individual awards also won. **3 First Row:** Dakota Kingma, Nicholas Raymond, Megan Ward, Jessica Sipkema, Jamie Cole, Dakota Lawley, Cameron DeWitt **Second Row:** Kelsey Shelhart, Natalie Wagner **Third Row:** Ms. Heuft, Autumn Fagenbaum, Mr. Starett **4 First Row:** Jared Stemper, Tara Beere, Katherine Woolever, Brooke Meadows **Second Row:** Megan Mitchell, Kelsey Shelhart, Theodore Tobias, Megan Ward

For the previous 18 years, Kankakee Valley High School had gathered a group of 20 kids to participate in making up lines on the spot to put together a hilarious Improv show.

But, to earn a place on stage, the students had to go to the three days of tryouts. There, the team captains would judge the humor and decide whether or not the students or the team would make the cut. With a mass amount of kids who showed up to tryout, there were bound to be cuts.

During tryouts, games like: "Do Run Run", "World's Worst", and "Countdown" were played. People trying out had to make up one syllable words that rhymed with the audience's suggestions in a song-like fashion. In "World's Worst" the audience gave an occupation and the participants tried to be the worst of that occupation. In "Countdown", a scene was improved for one minute and then restarted two times.

Games like these could seem intimidating for newcomers, but for sophomore Vivian Gregory, she swallowed that fear and went for it.

"I have always wanted to do Improv because I am in love with acting, but I'm shy and hard on myself. So, I finally got the courage and went crazy," she said.

For people who've been in Improv for several years, tryouts were fun and something they looked forward to. After asking senior Kaitlyn Leach why she continued to do Improv, she said, "Improv is the only place people find my humor amusing. I've gotta be funny somewhere!"

After tryouts were completed and the cuts done, practice started. Practice consisted of playing improv games and laughing with friends through mistakes, all of it helped prepare them for the performance.

Improv wasn't just about getting on stage, playing games, and being quick on your feet: it was where students could go to hang out with their friends doing what they love in a safe and fun environment.

Improv



Photo By: E. Evans

Mrs. Jill Steiner with seniors Joshua Krupchak, Ryan De Mars, Kayla Gustafson, and Cassandra Ooms, sit at the captain's table decided who will be cut, and who will be on their teams. Students that made the team practiced are on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school until four. There was also a chance to make understudy. If a chosen student couldn't make perform for a certain show the understudy would fill in.



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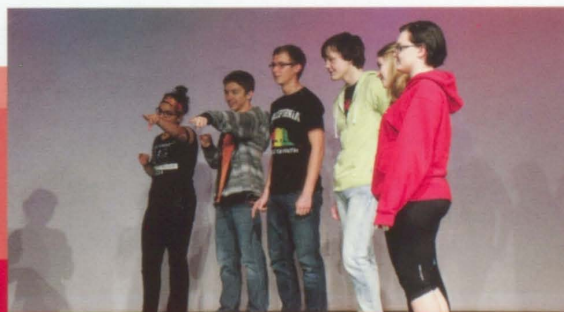


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1 For improv tryouts, sophomore Josh Talaski and senior Annelise Phillips preform a sketch where Josh pretends to be Micky Mouse and Annalise, the host, must guess who he is. **2** Senior Cassandra Ooms sets up the captain's table by arranging names of everyone whose trying out. **3** Senior Sarah Schaetzel, Freshmen Nicholas Skrobol and Pierce Fischer, sophomores Josh Talaski, Haley Carter, and Kelsey Shelhart play "Do Run Run" for tryouts in which they must make up rhymes to one-syllable names. **4** Junior Alyssa Serviss, senior Nicole Cardaras, and freshman Nicholas Skrobol play the 1 minute sketch game. Both Nicole Cardaras and Nicholas Skrobol pretended to be six graders on the first day of school as Alyssa Serviss pretended to be the teacher reprimanding her new students.

Just like any other year, choir, band, and orchestra students had the option of participating in the annual Solo and Ensemble competition. If students received a gold in the district division, they had the opportunity of going to state in Indianapolis. The competition is tough, but the various choir students didn't back down to the challenge.

Getting to the state competition was no easy task. A competitor could only go to state if they had earned a gold in a group one solo or ensemble at District. There were nineteen soloists and four ensembles.

Solos that included Alyssa Serviss, Annelise Phillips, Cassandra Ooms, Elizabeth Torbitt, Gabrielle Mc Clain, Hannah Sherwood, Kelsie Howe, Madison O'Dor, Sarah Schaetzel, Tabitha Hart, and Nicholas Skrobul all recieved gold in group one and moved on to state on Saturday, February, 21st. An ensemble including Annelise Phillips, Alyssa Serviss, Nicholas Skrobul, and Mason Chorsempe also received a gold in group one.

Out of all that qualified, Tabitha Hart, Gabrielle Mc Clain, Cassandra Ooms, Annelise Phillips, Sarah Schaetzel, Alyssa Serviss, Hannah Sherwood, and Nicholas Skrobul all received gold in their solos at state. The one ensemble that moved on to state received gold as well. "My previous experience in theater definitely made the performance less nerve racking," says Nicholas Skrobul about his Indianapolis State experience as a freshmen.

The successful outcome left choir members looking to the next year for more wins to come.

Choir

Concert Choir-Row 1: C. Bloch, B. Richardson, C. Ooms, P. Billens, J. Smundin, P. Asbridge, K. Boomsma, A. Phillips, C. Abel, V. Wyrobek **Row 2:** K. Schneider, K. Ferris, A. Byrom, L. Cooper-Windsor **Row 3:** S. Schaetzel, K. Hausenfleck, N. Skrobul, M. Calderone, Q. Crim, A. Serviss, E. Torbitt **Row 4:** H. Sherwood, S. Kerkes, T. Hart, S. Jungles, A. Wolf, J. Wyrobek, N. Guerrero, E. Fase, K. Howe, A. Brizek **Row 5:** Ms. Paletto, M. Chorzempa, A. Bushmore, C. Hart, J. Ooms, Ms. Burris



Jazz Choir-Row 1: K. Patton, P. Billens, J. Smundin, C. Ooms **Row 2:** S. Kerkes, M. Chorzempa, A. Wolf, Q. Crim, S. Schaetzel, E. Torbitt, A. Serviss **Row 3:** Ms. Paletto, S. Jungles, V. Donovan, T. Aldrich, M. Calderone, M. Dobija, M. Bradley, Ms. Burris **Row 4:** G. Ooms, N. Skrobul

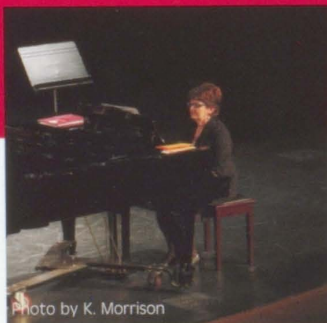


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Beginning Choir-Row 1: C. Ramos, K. Patton, R. Chase, B. Morrison, A. Phillips **Row 2:** R. Almira, J. Vasquez, M. Dunham, A. Soderlund, S. Rosiak, H. Scott, H. Riffe, E. Byrom **Row 3:** M. O'Dor, H. Hixson, M. Salyers, E. Novakowski, K. Hobson, S. Schaetzel, M. Reyes, F. Edwards **Row 4:** S. Sebella, H. Stein, C. Garza, S. Collard, Y. Clemente, J. Aranda, S. Scholl, J. Pinkerton, M. Dobija **Row 5:** Ms. Paletto, T. Aldrich, G. Ooms, J. Bliss, S. Nowell, S. Walters, Ms. Burris



Choralers-Row 1: J. Smundin, P. Billens, K. Boomsma **Row 2:** S. Coleman, H. Kuhn, H. Buckmaster, L. Hobson, M. Bradley, G. McClain **Row 3:** K. Eenigenburg, M. Dittich, V. Klarich, P. Hale, K. Hoover, A. Jakubowicz, E. Tobias **Row 4:** A. Musso, B. Buchanan, T. Hart, E. Vujko, A. DeYoung, V. Gregory, V. Donovan, S. Mitchell **Row 5:** Ms. Paletto, Ms. Burris



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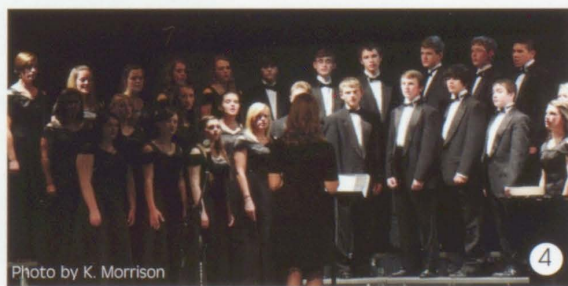


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1. Ms. Lisa Faletto is introducing Concert Choir in the beginning of their performance. Faletto does this for every concert her choirs perform. 2. The performers of concert choir smile and prepare to sing. 3. Intermediate Chorus, the all womens choir, drops their jaws in sync as their song "Go Where I Send Thee" plays out on the piano which is played by Mrs. Sandy Tiemens. 4. Ms. Burris, a student teacher that all three choirs had in their classes, prepares to conduct concert choir in their song "Sigh No More".

Every year the marching band went into the new school year with ISSMA gold in their eyes.

"The thing I love the most about ISSMA is the different styles of music, the emotion, time, and effort the members have put into it," junior Andrew Carter said.

The marching band spent part of their summer, after school, and all of the season preparing to make their music and performance sound and look like perfection for the competition.

All of this energy makes members of marching band see it more than just a school activity. For sophomore Brianne Swafford, being in the band meant she was taught new things and given a hobby that helped her relax.

"You make new friends every year and those friends turn into family. Marching band is like a big family. We fight, we laugh, and sometimes don't always agree on everything, but when it comes down to it, we all work together and at the end of the day, we all still care about each other," she said.

For other students, joining marching band was a way to get involved and get to know their peers. "I joined Marching Band to get more involved with music and to expand my involvement in school activities," junior Ashley Gidley said.

Whatever the reason was, in the end marching band worked together to become the best they could be.

"We had to preform in the freezing cold, with little to no warmth. It takes true dedication to be in marching band," sophomore Karli Stilley said.

Even though the band didn't take home the gold, their dedication did not waver.

Marching Band



Row One: T. Gownes, E. Uhrhammer, A. Earle, A. Cisar, H. Ahrendt, A. Villalpando, A. Schumacher, B. Niewoehner, R. Gray, E. Vorst **Second Row:** L. Bohannah, M. Franzen, R. Cardaris, K. Wrezinski, T. Beere, B. Swaffor, K. Woolever, **Third Row:** K. Kessinger, J. Shebesh, A. Phillips, T. Dekock, S. Pipenprink **Fourth Row:** A. Weaver, H. Chapman, A. Greathouse, E. Searer **Fifth Row:** B. Hoffman, T. Hawrot, B. Lessner, A. Williamson, M. Dezelich, K. McCarty, R. Henk, H. Wheeler, E. Pearson **Sixth Row:** J. Arellano, R. Peschke, R. Barthalemeu, L. Justice, H. Becker, S. Kerkes, N. Skrobil, A. Gidley, K. Wireman **Seventh Row:** R. Redinger, K. Simmons, D. Grace, K. Woolever, E. Torbitt, M. Mitchell, Z. Kessinger, **Eighth Row:** S. Schaezel, D. Kaluf, R. Balze, N. Wright, K. Brown, S. Sheptock, K. Shellheart, S. Sutton **Ninth Row:** D. Smundin, S. Aquillon, A. Domelle, H. Tillema, R. Riley, C. Thompson, F. Daniels, V. Olguin **Tenth Row:** E. Balboa, K. Mann, J. Swisher, F. Hoffman, C. Crum, K. Stilley, K. Nundlen, J. Stemper **Eleventh Row:** B. Martin, K. Trpeski, T. Wilson, E. Vorst, Z. Witkowski, H. Ayres, B. Swafford, K. Wu, N. Johnson, **Twelfth Row:** K. Hawrot, E. Jefferson, B. Hornes, R. Buck, S. Perez, J. Ooms, G. Ooms **Thirteenth Row:** Mr. Boresma, B. Meadows, C. Ooms, K. Patton, Mr. Dinkens **Left Line:** A. Byrom, H. Buckmaster, R. Pipenprink, K. Eger, K. Gustafson, **Right Line:** A. Sanders, J. Spikema, D. Birch, E. Byrom, C. Abel

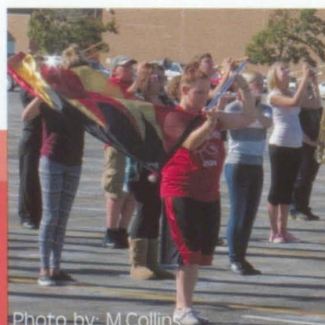


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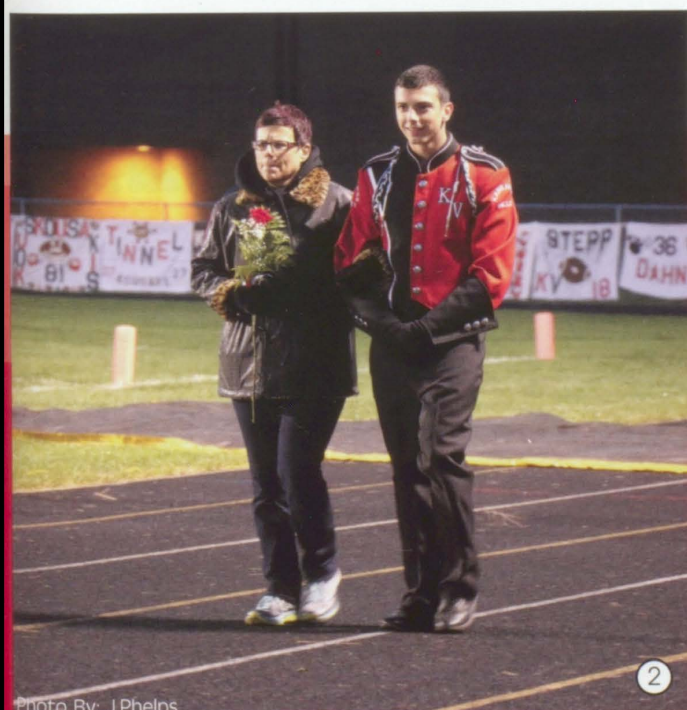


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1. On one of their last practices, Marching Band came together to celebrate that as a whole they are a great team. 2. Senior Kyle Patton made is way down the track during Senior Night. 3. Conducting Marching Band through one of their practices, junior Brooke Meadows takes pride in what she does. "Being a drum major has been one of the best experiences of my life. I can't wait for next year!" Meadows said. 4. Being on spot light for senior night, Haylie Chapman walks along her parents side.

Pep Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band

Band Goes For Gold

Pep band had a great football and basketball season. One of their greatest achievements of this season was getting to play along with Purdue University's pep band. The University's band came on the night boys' basketball hosted their senior night. Being the first year that this has ever happened, all the students were excited that they got to play with such an established pep band.

"Getting to play with Purdue's pep band was a lot of fun because getting the experience to play side by side with a college band gave me the chance to see how it will be when I go off to college to be in pep band then. It made me look forward to college because I knew I could still play in pep band," junior Sarah Kerkes said.

With the excitement of the night the Jazz Band used their enthusiasm to recruit younger students from the intermediate school. They talked to students that felt that they might have wanted to become a member when they become middle schoolers. They also took a field trip with Orchestra and Jazz Band to the intermediate school and performed for them.

"I joined jazz band because I had an amazing time in every other musical group, and I expected this one to be similar as the others. I like jazz band the most because because the music that we play is very different and more upbeat than concert band and any other band," sophomore Kelsey Shelhart said.

The year ended with Orchestra participating at ISSMA in May.

Following along with the rest of the class, sophomore Sandra Potts plays the violin. "The opportunity to play my violin with other people is a very beautiful thing," she said.



Photo By: E. Evans

Senior Kaitlyn Leach plays her cello along with the other members of orchestra.



First Row: K.Gustafson, L.Didle, C.Birky, K.Leach, J.Ast, N.Cardaras, N.Raymond, I.Macleanar, M.Ward **Second Row:** A. Wier, R.Hunter, A.Sanders, G.Sebella, J.Szeriak, K.Witkowski, R.Graefen, A.Flanagan, D.Monk **Third Row:** L.Riffe, C.Dobson, P.Ritchie, C.Devrais, M.Nomanson, E.Pearson, J.Colon, W.McMahon, B.Swafford **Fourth Row:** D.Havens, S.Way, S.Potts, M.Dodge, J.Sipkema, B.Brown, K.Vrnik, E.Rinker, D.DeBarge **Fifth Row:** B.Sipkema, S.Funk, L.Holley, J.Stemper, B.Barthelomew, T.Beere, Mr. Goresma

Theatre

Fun With Seuss

For the first time in many years, Mrs. Jill Steiner took her Theatre Arts and Theatre Production classes to the DeMotte and Wheatfield elementary schools to perform "Green Eggs and Ham", "Daisy Head Maisy", and "The Cat in the Hat" in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Performing in a style called Reader's Theatre, actors sit in rows of chairs with a binder too use as a prop and to read from, standing and sitting as needed. Starting off with practicing "Green Eggs and Ham", the classes spent the first few weeks practicing over and over. After moving on to "Daisy Head Maisy" and "The Cat in the Hat", the students were ready to perform.

After moving the field trip dates because of bad weather and school cancellations, the classes went on their field trip. Mrs. Stiener's third hour preformed for Wheatfield Elementary.

"It was an intriguing adventure going to the elementary school. We did a Dr. Seuss performance for first graders and kindergartners. Both groups of children listened well and they knew a lot about Dr. Suess already. We all had a very good time, and I would go again anytime," said sophomore Bryce Vanderwall.

Several days later, seventh hour traveled to DeMotte to preform for the DeMotte Elementary kids.

After asking senior D'Anna Sears what she thought about performing, she said: "It was fun! I really enjoyed making the little kids laugh and smile." All the classes had a great time performing for the kids and hope to preform for them again someday.



Photo By: F. Odle

Junior Alyssa Serviss, senior Kaitlyn Wrezinski, and sophomore Bryce Vanderwall preform their music video "Like A Surgeon" by Weird Al.



Photo By: F. Odle

Sophomore Haley Carter and Breanna Toppen lead in the dance for their Theatre Arts music video performance.



Photo By: K. Morrison

Junior Hannah Sherwood and sophomore Dennis DeHaan sit on a bench in theatre arts in the middle of performing their Ice Cream Scene skit for the class.



Photo By: K. Morrison

Sophomore Dennis DeHaan sits on stage ready to perform his Ice Cream Scene skit in front of his Theatre Arts class.

Sophomores Abbey Babe and Emma Fase preform their own version of the ice scene. Abbey, playing an annoying child at a movie theater, and Emma playing an annoyed patron.



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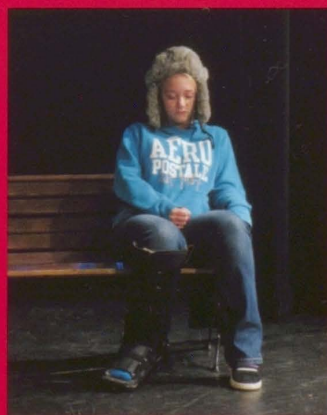


Photo By: E. Evans



Photo By: A. Babe

Sophomores Elizabeth Evans and Breiana Buchanan act out their first skit of Theatre Arts. For this skit, known as the Ice Cream Scene, students had to come up with their own versions of two characters. Breiana Buchanan played a psycho, talkative woman, who would not leave Elizabeth Evans, a scared stranger, alone.



Sophomore Haley Carter sits on stage getting into character, ready to preform her ice cream scene



Photo By: K. Morrison

Junior Alexis Johnson and senior Chance Schofield preformed their own version of the ice cream scene. Alexis, who played a happy go-lucky girl, and Chance, who played a sassy stranger.

Senior Britany Morrison and sophomore Morgan Dunham sit on a bench in Theatre Arts, putting on their skit of the ice cream scene.

Being a part of the Best Buddies club provided the students involved to make new friends when the group went to the bowling alley in Wheatfield.

Everyone from freshmen to seniors got to go on the field trip during school. At the bowling field trip students had the chance to get to know each other better and to bond with people who they wouldn't normally talk to. Students and teachers enjoyed pizza with the club at Wheatfield Lanes. This bonding experience helped the group gear up for the new part of the club which got members involved with the Special Olympics program.

Best Buddies members got the opportunity to practice before the game and run out onto the basketball court during the game against Hebron. Students and parents enjoyed seeing everyone having so much fun. The activity also served to raise money for the Special Olympics program.

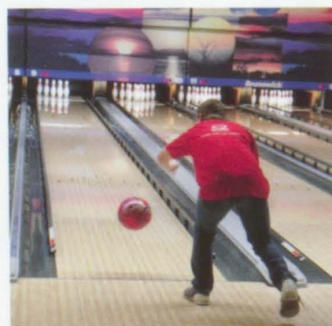
However, a significant loss was felt in May with the founders seniors Tara Beere and Kaitlyn Wrezinski graduating. When asked why they decided to welcome the a chapter of the club to the school four years ago, Beere said "When I entered high school, I had more of an opportunity to meet the special needs students. I never had that in middle school. As I got to know them, I learned what amazing friends they are, but I also learned how they were treated. They were treated like they were different, and they aren't, I helped start this club at our school to help others get past the boundary society has put between mainstream and special needs students. I wanted people to realize how special needs students are people too and they deserve the same treatment as everyone else."

In only four years, this program moved from just a club to a program helping a national program. It was definitely something to be proud of.

Best Buddies



Tyler Dolniak throws the ball down the lane trying to pick up the two pins left from his last try. The club went on the bowling field trip at Wheatfield Lanes.





Row 1: Sean Eenigenburg, Schuyler Walters, Tyler Dolniak, Daniel Brownfield, Benjamin Wall, Brayden McKim, Allison Zubrenic, Emily Davis, Michael Thomas **Row 2:** Cole Howdard, Breanna Krooswyk, Aracely Reyes Aguirre, Victoria Strong, Kaylee Engstrom, Beau Sarosy, Dylan Seitzinger, Nicole Cardaras, Katherine Woolever **Row 3:** Isabelle Molenaar, Kayla Christensen, Karsen Boone, Zoey Riffett, Emma Fase, Kayla Groen, Tara Beere, Celina DeVries, Grace Sabella **Row 4:** Sandra Potts, Kaitlyn Saxon, Abby Klemp, Bryce Polletta, Trenton Walstra, Madyson Born, Devon Rios **Row 5:** Rhiannon Redinger, Emily Pearson, Madison O'dor, Shania Sons, Vanessa Donovan, Katelynn Hobson, Rhea Almira, Shayna Coleman, Andrew Silva, Justin Scally **Row 6:** Morgan Dunham, Britany Morrison, Alex Martakis, Audrey Deyoung, Tabitha Hart, Mrs. Long **Row 7:** Ms. Schulenberg, Mrs. Dickerson

1 Sophomores Emma Fase and Brayden McKim enjoying a piece of pizza. Students went to Wheatfield Lanes to go bowling, and spend time together during their field trip. **2** Devon Rios helps Allison Zubrenic roll the ball down the lane. For some students this was the very first time they had ever been bowling.

With a new teacher in their corner to show them the way, the Spirit newspaper staff grew from a group of students into a team of hardworking friends.

The goal of the staff was to develop a free, professional looking newspaper. The staff used a myriad of fundraising plans from selling jellybeans to knocking on business doors. Their plan was to diversify so the money came in through different directions.

Through hard work and dedication, the Spirit staff was able to provide a paper that looked and felt professional because they were able to pay for printing on authentic newspaper rather than the construction paper that had been previously used. Each issue was not released as often as the previous year, but that gave them more time to make the paper as perfect as possible.

For her second year of being a Spirit staff member, senior and Editor in Chief Kaylee Engstrom had dealt with both situations, and was more than happy that this year has been such a terrific turnout for the paper. "I really like that our paper is on actual newspaper," said Engstrom. "Also that our stories are more about stuff that's going on outside of school rather than only about school," she said.

Even though the year was difficult, Newspaper definitely had their fair share of fun. They worked in days to relax after a hard week with some food and drinks, but the staff needed to earn it by illustrating dedication to their work.

The new Publications teacher, Ms. Stacy, helped these students become the journalists that they wanted to be by aiding them with their writing, note taking, picture taking, and editing. With only one year down and many to go, the students were looking forward to working under their new plan for the coming year.

Newspaper



Photo by: J. McLean

Staffers Aries Morales, Tiffany Hansel, and Victoria DeKock organize flower tags to be attached to the flowers and handed out at lunch. The staff sold flowers along with the yearbook staff for Valentine's day as a fundraiser.



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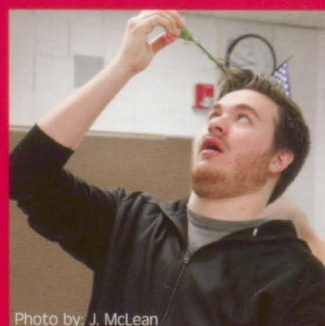


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1. Victoria Dekock hands out the most recent edition of The Spirit. The staff tried many different ways to reach all of the students with their publication. 2. Senior Kaylee Engstrom helps to organize the Publications table before the freshmen orientation started. Spreading out jolly ranchers, newspapers, and information on the Publications table to draw in the freshmen for the upcoming year. 3. Proofing the next edition, senior Elijah Goodman sits alongside his fellow staffers. Before a newspaper could be published it has to be checked by both editors, Mrs. Stacy, and Mr. Lobsiger. 4. Junior Editor Gavin Coppage organizes the flowers while yearbook editor Cynthia Martinez tells jokes.

With a new adviser, having to move rooms, and having Newspaper and Yearbook combined into a single hour, a YERD's life was changed a lot when they came back from summer vacation.

Mrs. Tina Stacy became the new adviser for Yearbook and Newspaper. Having to take in the responsibility of two different journalism classes at the same time became very stressful for her. Dealing with different deadlines, having to organize the clubs, and having to work with all the students every day for their different goals was Mrs. Stacy's every day challenges.

"The Publications class takes up all my time. I technically breath and live for my publications class," she said.

Many of the publication students were worried that their new adviser would have no experience teaching what the two different class had to work on.

"I was worried with how I would transition myself to the new adviser. Having only one year of experience in Yearbook, I wasn't prepared for change. Newspaper and Yearbook had their own class and now having to be combined can put lots of stress on me and my fellow classmates," Co-editor Jessica McLean said.

Although there were many challenges Yerds had to go through, such as having a smaller staff than usual; they got through it together as a team. Both the clubs helped each other out and having the two class was consider fun by both sides.

"This year was full of difficult adjusting. Newspaper really helped us out almost all the times and I'm glad we came together as a publication class. Yearbook can be stressful but I wouldn't trade it for anything, especially our amazing adviser," coeditor Cynthia Martinez said.

Overall, in the beginning no one believed in the vision of "Following you through the tunnel." However, at the end of the year, the growing pains that were felt with the combined classes proved to help the YERDS grow in ways they never expected.

Yearbook



Photo By: C.Martinez

As a way for Newspaper and Yearbooks to come together, the publications class celebrates Halloween. Team bonding activities were planned on these days to reduce tension and build a smooth team creative process. A favorite day was watching the movie "Rudy" which drove the team theme of "Following their coworkers through the tunnel."

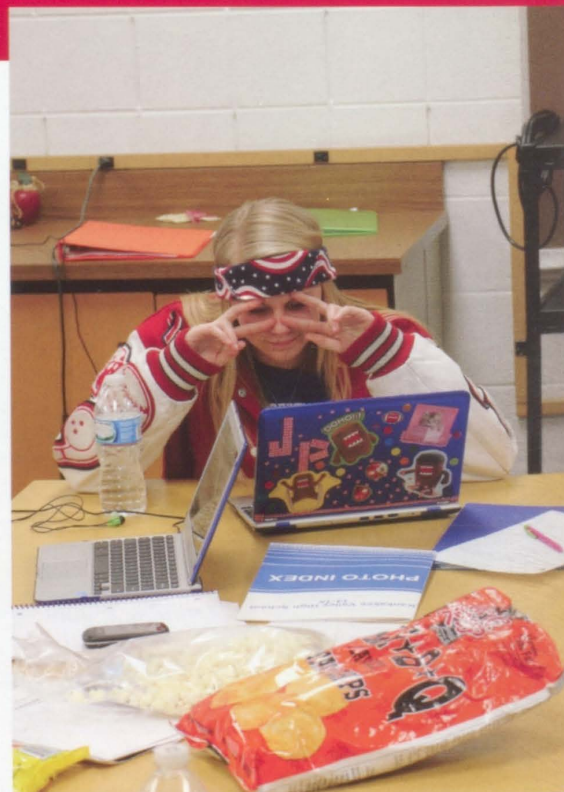




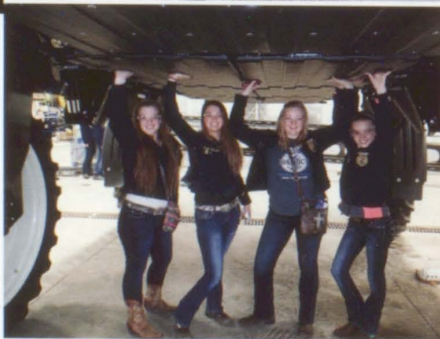
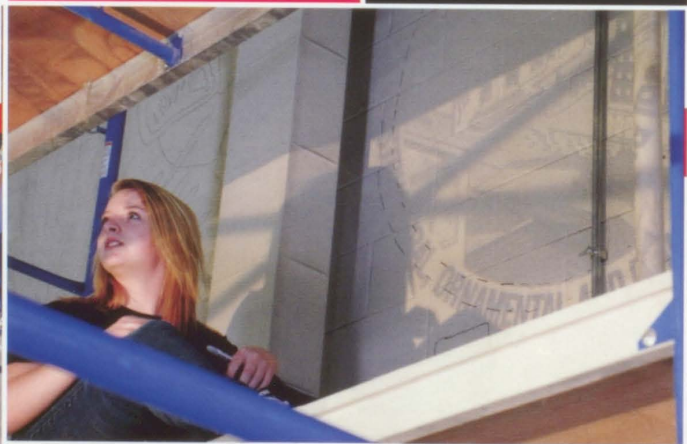
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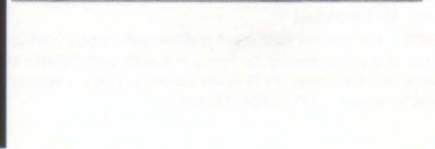
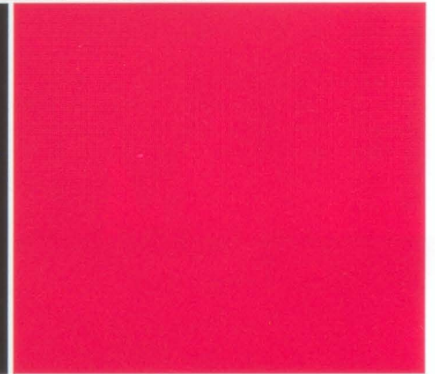
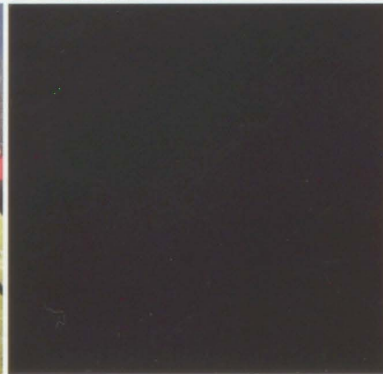
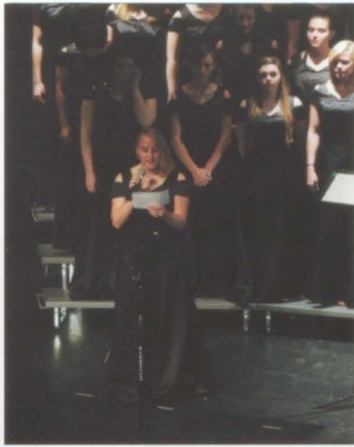


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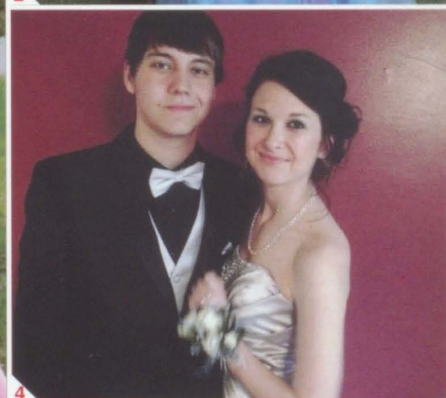
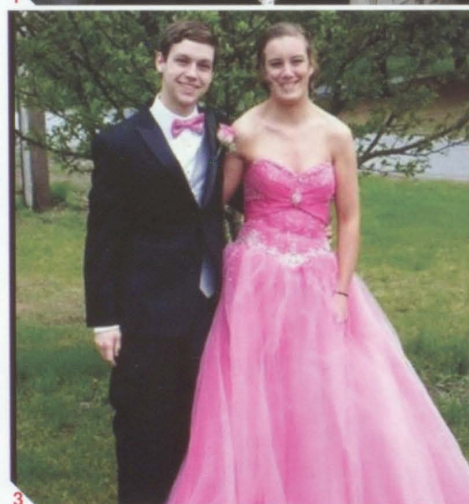
1 Keeping the tradition of selling carnations during Valentines Day, the student publications class hand tie the messages students and staff wrote for their friends. 2 People editor Elizabeth Evans finishes writing on a poster about yearbook sale information. 3 Co-Editor Cynthia Martinez and sophomore Elizabeth Evans help each other sort out the messages written by people for their friends. 4 Newspaper and Yearbook work together to create a commercial to sell more yearbooks.





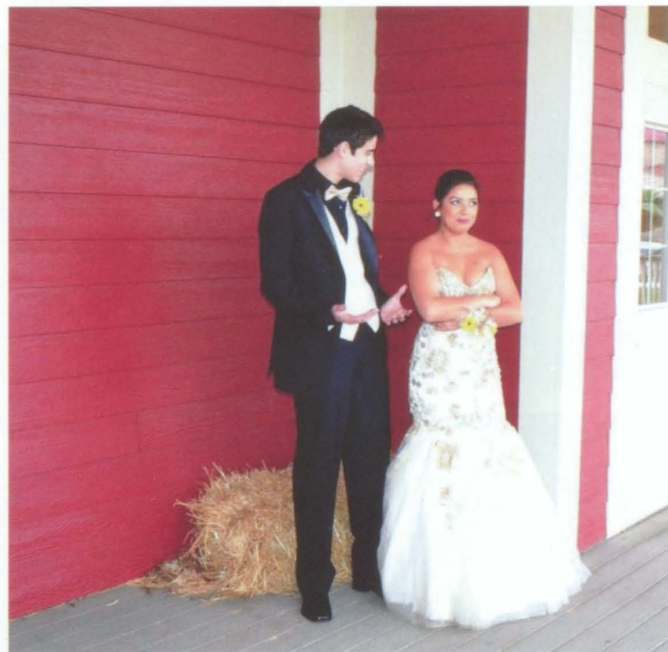
Before Prom

1 Junior Sarah Schaetzel and senior Noah Lane took pictures at Hamstar's Garden to celebrate prom. **2** Taking pictures in their backyard, senior Elijah Goodman and sophomore Vivian Gregory "It was amazing seeing how different I looked like from my ordinary self," said Vivian Gregory. **3** Getting ready to leave for prom, juniors Michael Curtis and Emille Bassett decide to take photographs to remember the memories. **4** Taking his girlfriend, junior Nicole Drinski, senior Trace Garcia doesn't miss a chance to have memories of prom night



Bottom: Samantha Williams, sophomore Breiana Buchanan, senior Tyler Wilson, "We all had a great time and could never forget the memories we made," Buchanan said.

Right: "This was my first prom and I'm really happy I got to spend it with a group of my best friends. Spending the night with Cynthia Martinez and Araceli Perez is a memory I'll never forget. I hope my next prom will be as good as this one," said Elizabeth Evans



Left: Fixing each other ties, juniors Jair Olguin Sanchez and Austin Abbring take pictures by Dunns Bridge as a way to celebrate their first time going to prom.



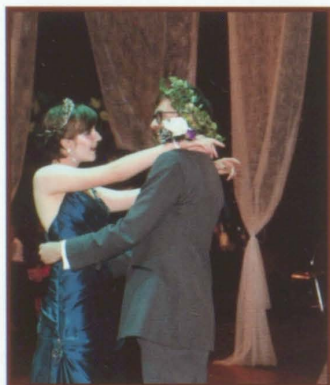
bottom Junior Rayann Pavichevich, junior Kyle Hawrot, sophomore Rhiannon Redinger, senior Brandon Holmes, junior Haylie Wheeler, and Dylan Nelson pose together before their prom. "I loved going to prom with my friends and my boyfriend. I had so much fun that night. I was sad when it was over, but it was a night that I will never forget," expressed Haylie Wheeler.

Prom *Enchanted Forest*

Sophomores Haley Carter, Abbey Babe and Madisen Nomanson were dressed as fairies, pose together while working as greeters for prom and helping Mrs. Steiner



Senior Cassie Ooms and Adam Sayers dance together as prom King and Queen. The winning candidates had the dance floors all to themselves to share a slow dance with each other.



Prom is the most exciting part of the year for everyone. The girls go out and buy their beautiful dresses and the guys rent their tuxes. It can be a stressful time trying to figure out who to ask to prom, but it's all worth it when the night comes.

Like every year, Kankakee Valley celebrates their Prom at the Valparaiso expo center. Mrs. Steiner, head of the prom committee, decided that the theme would be "Enchanted Forest." Having to get things ordered in and ready for Prom was a hard task, but Mrs. Steiner always pulls it off with the great effort she puts in and how dedicated she is.

The most anticipated part of Prom, is getting to vote for Prom king and queen. Students had a week to decide who they would be voting for to take the crown. After counting all the ballots, the DJ announced that seniors Cassandra Ooms and Adam Sayers were voted prom queen and king. As for who won prince and princess, juniors Hunter Ahrendt and Emily Poe won the title.

The winning candidates celebrated by slow dancing alone on the dancing floor for everyone to see. Students were chanting their name, happy that they were chosen.

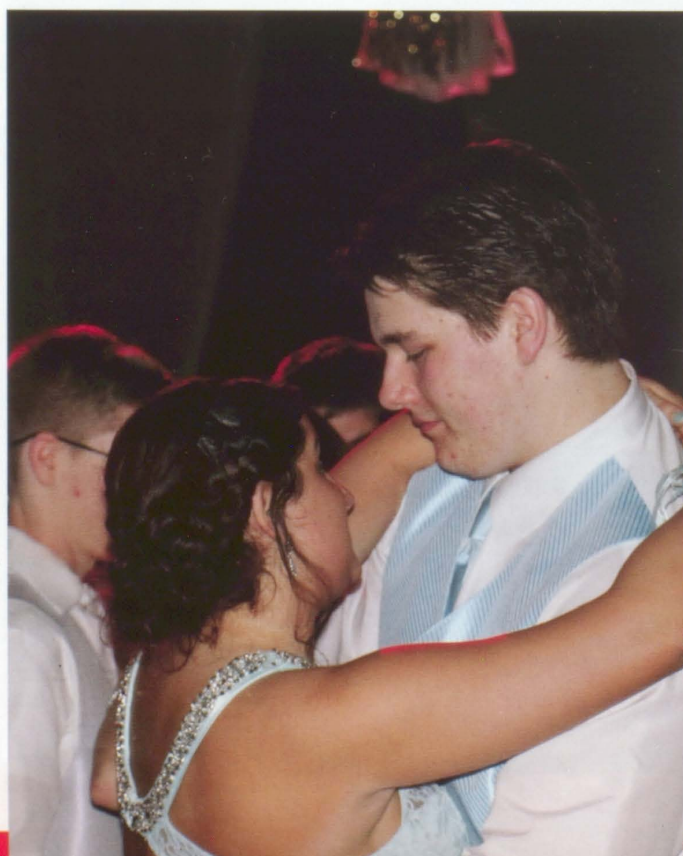
Throughout the whole night, people were on the dance floor, getting their pictures taken, or simply just sitting back with their friends and enjoying their night.

The night ended with couples slow dancing and everyone having a great time.



Top: Cutting loose on the dance floor, juniors Nina Freund and Hunter Popp party as they rock out to the music. When they saw the camera, they wanted to do a goofy face to represent the fun they had prom night.

Right: Heather Jaki and David Berndt slow dance together as a couple to one of the many slow songs played that night.



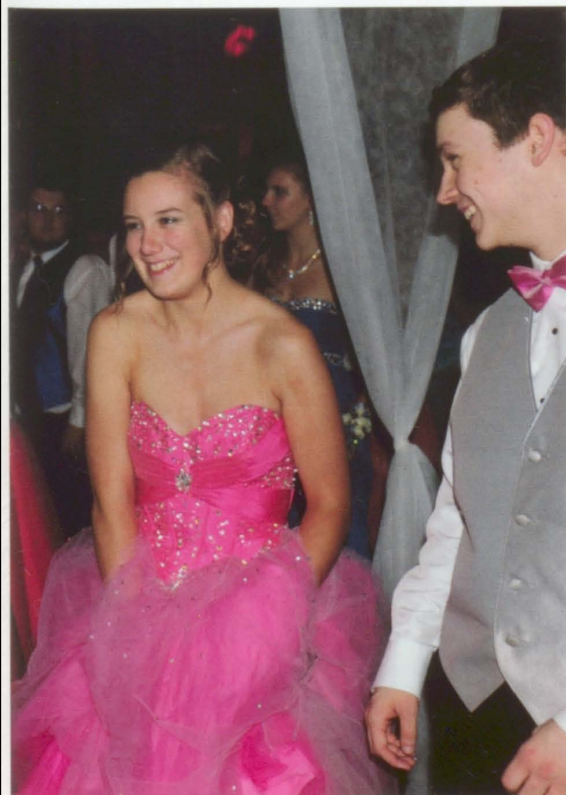


Left: Prom prince and queen, Hunter Ahrendt and Emily Poe slow dance after getting crowned.

Bottom: Students Brian Burk, Sara Dykstra, Austin Morrison, Emily Dahm, Mason Myers, and Alyssa Evolga pose to take a picture with their favorite teacher, Mr. Martin.



Top Dancing to a slow song, seniors Melissa Stowers and Savannah Johnson share a dance as friends.



Top While sharing a dance with his girlfriend, Junior Kyle Brown and Angela Weaver lovingly slow dance together as a happy couple.

Left Junior Emily Basset and her date Michael Curtis share a laugh together as they dance to the "cupid shuffle". Having messed up the dance moves creates a sense of laughter between them.

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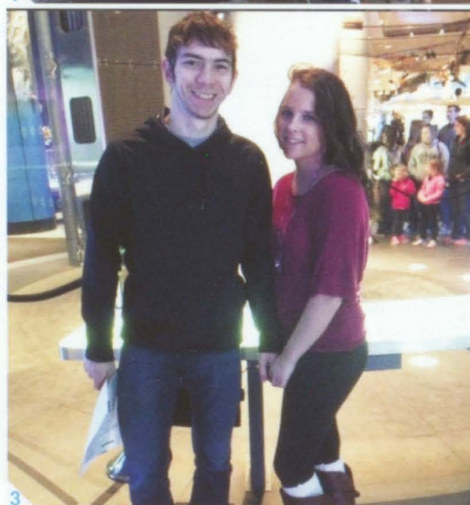
Prom night made me feel like a princess, by doing my make-up and putting my dress on. I will never forget that feeling.

– Vivian Gregory

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After Prom

1 Sophomore Julianna Phelps stand on the mini golf course at Zao Island posing next to one of their fake horses. **2** Sophomores Sarah Ganzeveld and Mackenzie Gutwein pose together on top of a rock at Turkey Run **3** Senior Emmett Meiss and sophomore Jessisa Beck pose together at the Science and Industry museum in Chicago **4** Sophomore Julianna Phelps and senior Heather Jaki pose together at Zao Island, getting ready to compete against each other in a game of mini golf.



Top Juniors Hunter Ahrendt, Emily Poe, Kendall Schultz, Kiley Ferris, and seniors Kyle Patton, and Cole Rentschler pose together at Dunes National State Park enjoying the sunshine.

Bottom Sophomore Elizabeth Evans attempts to play a game in the arcade at Zao Island.



Sophomores Madyson Born and Kristen Krieg, with juniors Chad Hill, David Williams, Joseph Steinke, Kyla Porter stand together on the rocky terrain of Turkey Run. All of them enjoying their day after prom hike.

Having Fun Together



Left Junior Austin Abbring plays ski ball at Zao Island. Austin spent the day at Zao Island at the arcade playing games and trying to earn tickets to win cool prizes.

Junior Jair Olguin Sanchez aggressively competes to win in a game of air hockey. Jair spent his day at Zao Island playing different games in the arcade, and enjoying the different activities Zao Island has to offer.

Senior Statistics



Senior Class President:
Cassandra Ooms

Every year seniors change not only through their personality but also statistically. Different agencies gather much data about seniors each year to compare education methods, test scores, and pop culture differences. This allows adults to compare the amount of change with each year that passes.

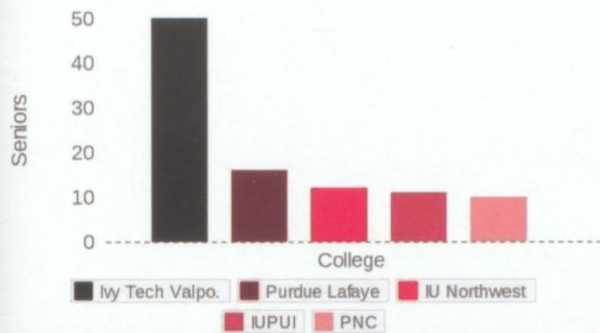
Society has judged these students ever since they entered schools, and will continue to judge them until their retirement years. Seniors were judged on the decision they made for after high school. Then different institutions they enter will measure their performance.

The graduating seniors for this year maintained a steady amount throughout the past few years, which looks good on paper. Most seniors chose to go straight into the work force or straight into college. The smallest percentage chose to go into the military or didn't list their plans.

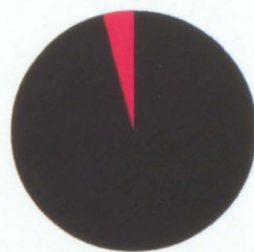
Comparing the data collected throughout the years is just another way to be able to show how the seniors had come from kindergarten, and how they were moving right along with the rest of society into the Digital Age.

● **"We
Are
One!"**
● **-Mr.
Lobsiger**

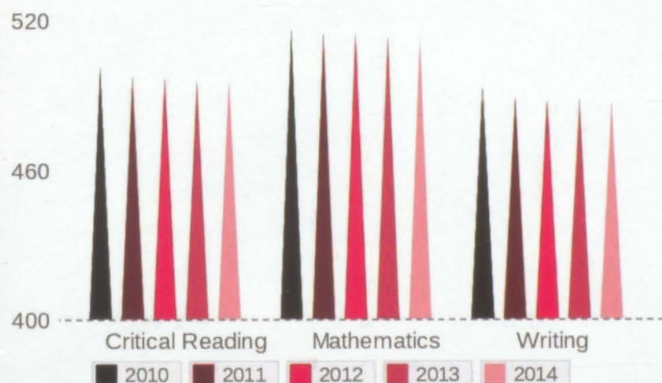




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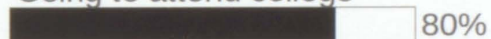


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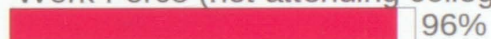


National Average SAT Scores

Going to attend college



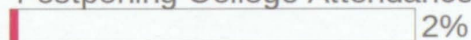
Work Force (not attending college)



Military



Postponing College Attendance



Graduation Statistics



College Plans



Senior Class Vice President:
Jacob Stemper



Senior Class Secretary:
Mackenzie DeMars



Senior Class Treasurer:
Corissa Abell

Senior Class Officers





Sean Gonzalez

Mary Galt

teacher
Thable Jones

Nicole Drennon
Librarian

Jacob Tilger
Navy SEAL

Human Resource Manager
Corissa Howell

Cooper Smith
Cop

Cassie Combs
Princess

Doctor
Taylor Dettel

Rebecca Pinkerton
Teacher

Astronaut
Mari Gomez

I want to own
my own bakery/cafe
I want to turn my
passion into a career.
Jordan Dittich

I wanted to
be a vet.

Brittani Barber
Doctor

Heather Hoang
I wanted to
be a orthodontist.

Tamara Brock
An artist +
a cop

Haylee Chapman
Chef

Melissa Shavers

I
wanted
to be
an
astronomer
Morgan Chert

Lumberjack
-Elijah Gooden

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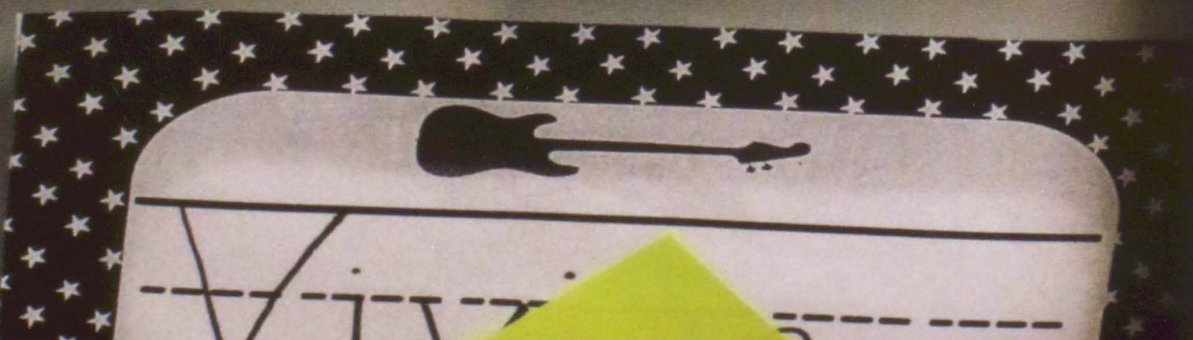
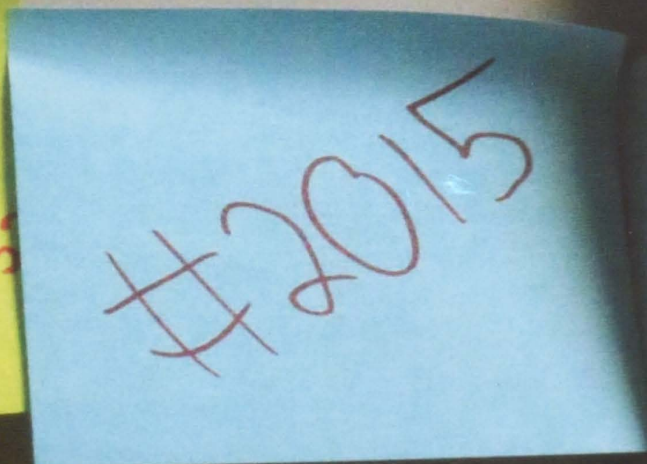
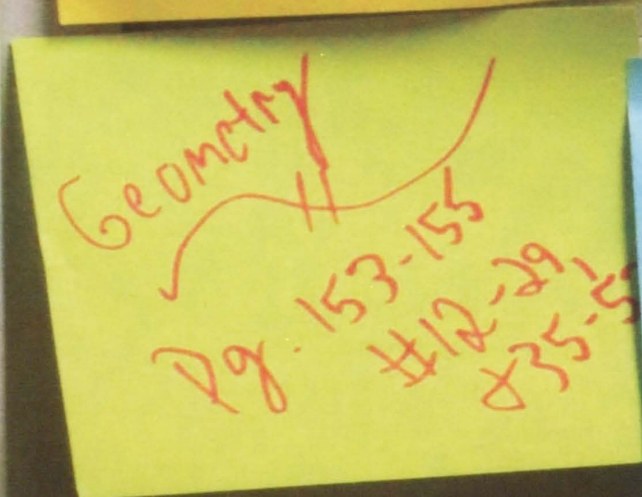
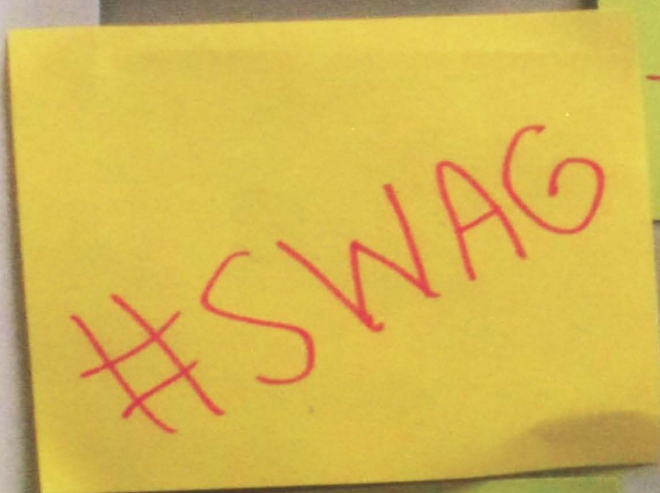
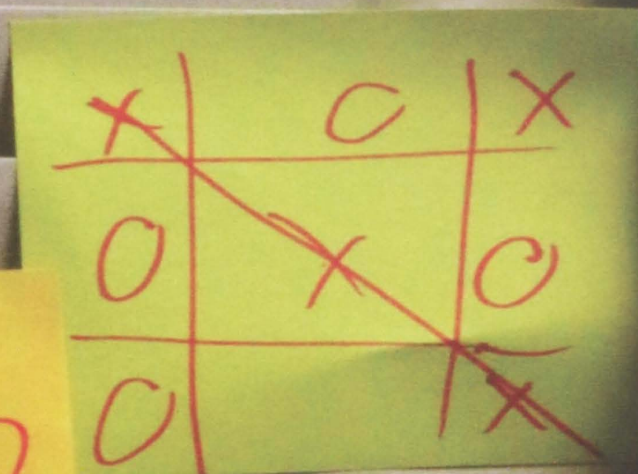
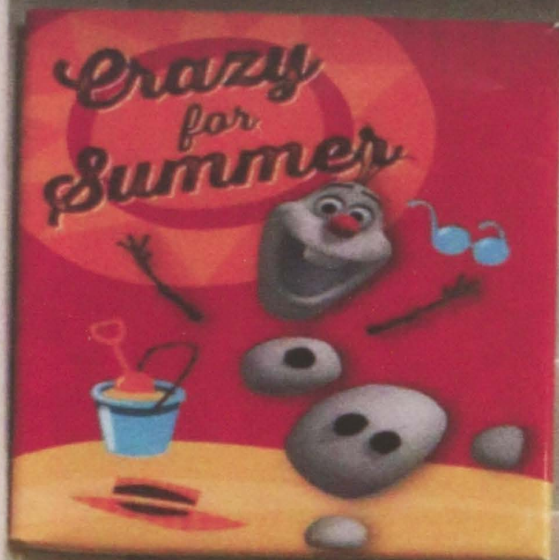
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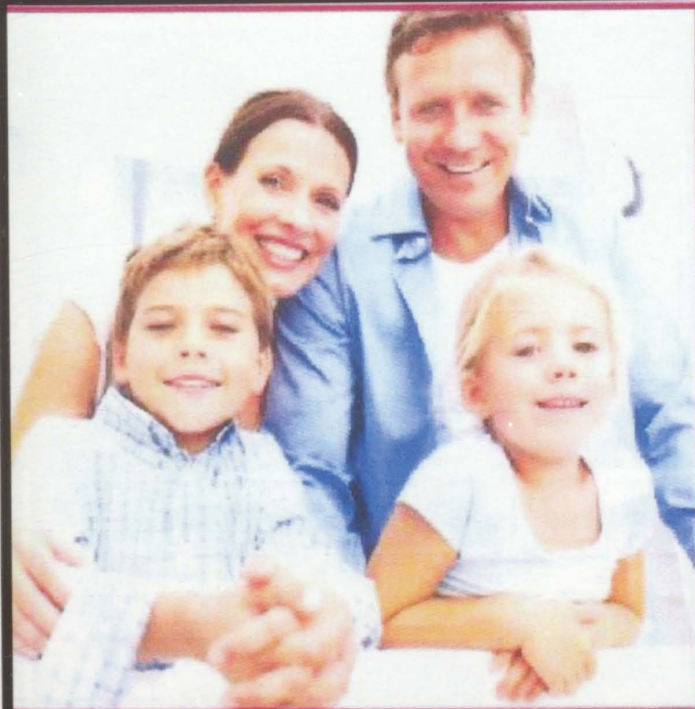
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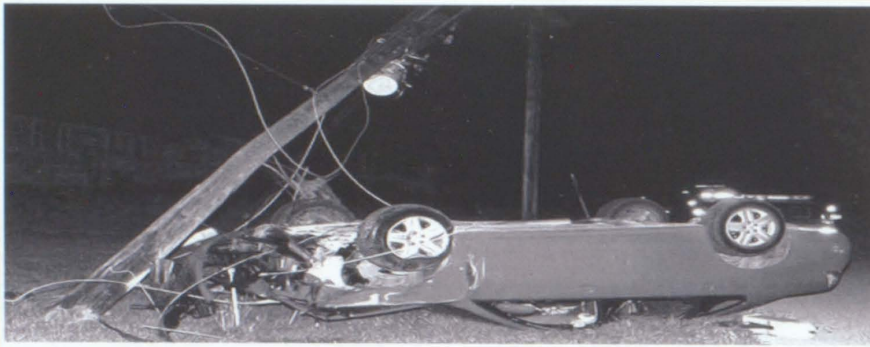
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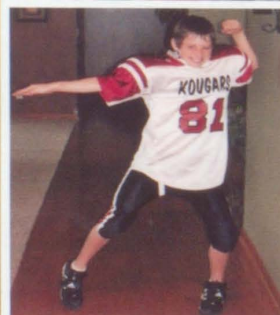
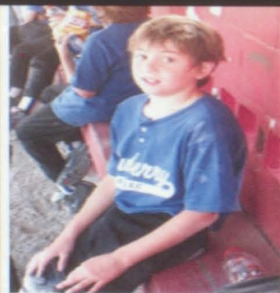
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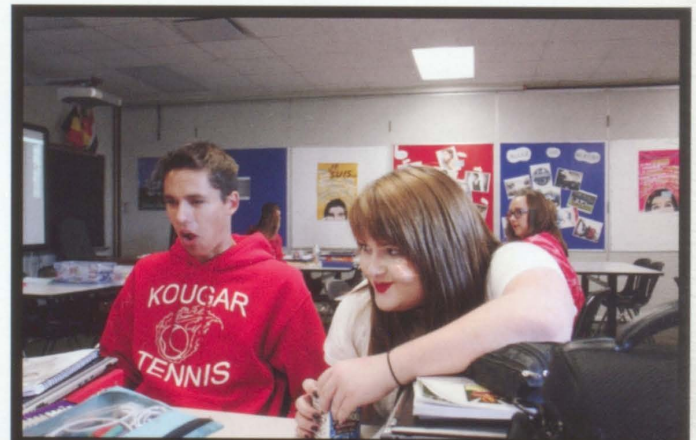
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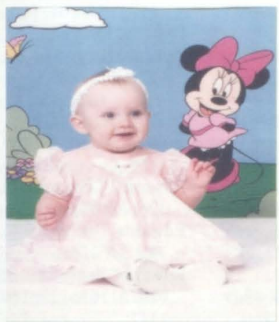
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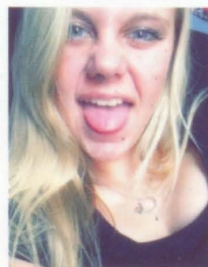
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"Doing what you love is what makes it worth it."

-Faith Odle



"Although class can be stressful and crazy at times, student publications is the best class ever. No other classes compare. Period."

-Elijah Goodman



"I made so many new friends, people I otherwise wouldn't have met. I made memories and learned new skills both academically and socially. That's what made publications worth it."

-Mikayla Collins

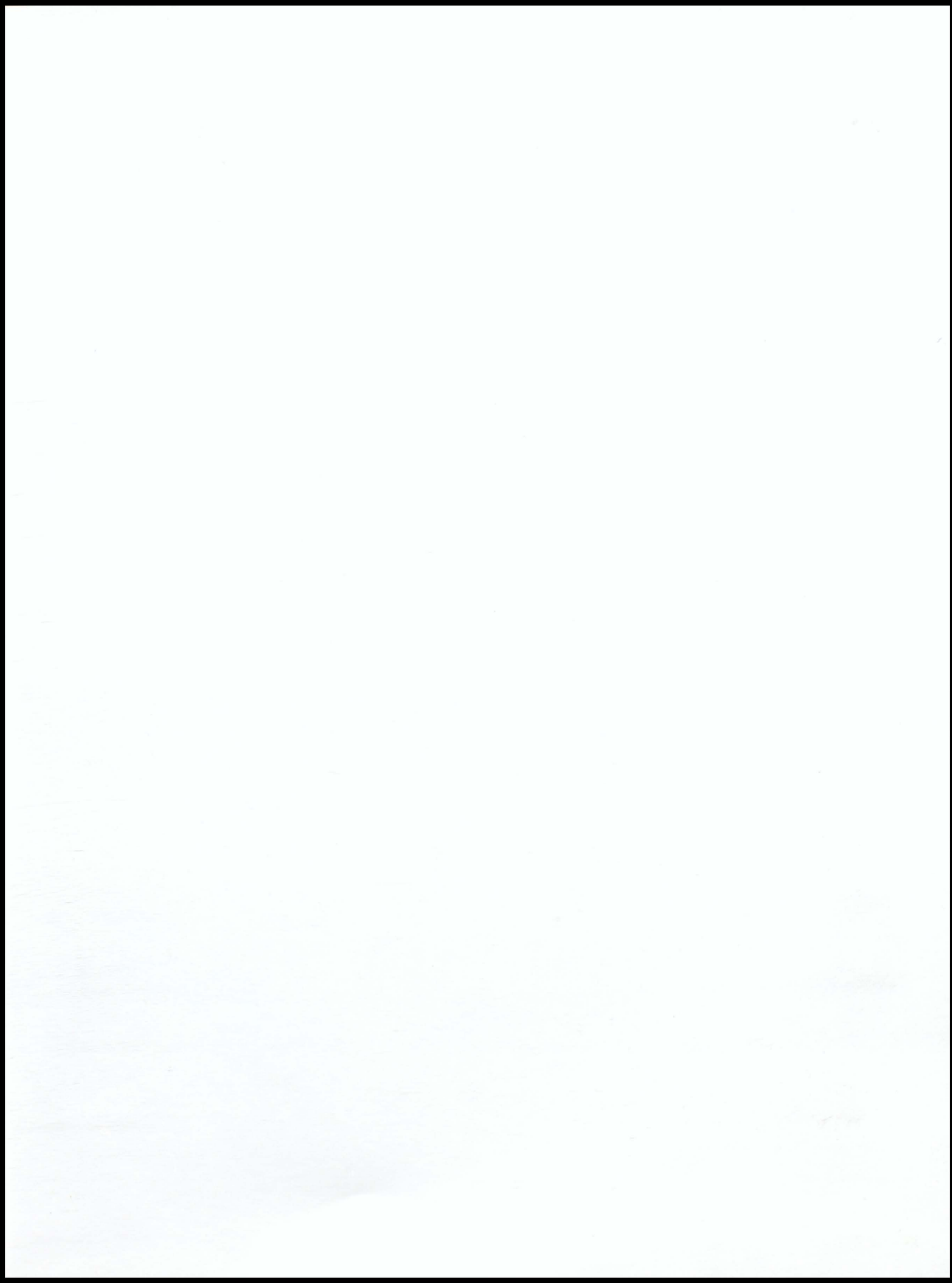


"Publications class is very challenging most of the time, but when the final product comes out it is one of the most rewarding things you could ever experience. It's one of the best decisions I've made."

-Jessica McLean



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